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In response to invitation, the Ninth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America met in the Eighth U. P. church, Philadelphia, W. W. Barr, D. D., pastor.

The Convention was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. M. M. Barkley, of Argyle, N. Y. Singing, led by the choir. Delegates and visitors were welcomed in the most cordial manner by Mrs. Robert T. Elliott, President of the Presbyterial Association of Philadelphia, responded to by Mrs. M. M. Barkley, who then introduced Mrs. Rev. James T. McCrory, of Pittsburg, Pa., elected President of this Convention in Pittsburgh, May, 1891. The President delivered an address entitled, "Woman's Influence in Home, Church and State."

Welcome.

BY MRS. R. T. ELLIOTT, PHILADELPHIA.

DEAR SISTERS:—It becomes my pleasant duty to-night to welcome you in the name of our Presbyterial Society, and extend to you the hand in cordial greeting. There is a thrill of pleasure as we look into your faces to-night and bid you welcome, for we have been looking for you and praying that your coming among us would inspire us with new activity and vigor for the work before us. We pray that your coming may not only be a blessing to us, who have heeded God's call, and accepted His invitation to be co-laborers with Him in this great missionary work, but that other hearts may be stirred, who have not yet personally or practically entered into this work. We see here to-night veteran workers in the cause,—those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and also those who have come perhaps for the first time,—come to catch some of the earnest spirit and enthusiasm of the older workers, but whose hearts have not failed to grasp our Saviour's command "Go ye into all the world." Coming as you do, an earnest band of Christian women, women banded together to work for Christ and his cause, we bid you welcome, thrice welcome, to our city, our homes and our hearts.

May your deliberations in this convention in devising ways and means for the advancement of Christ's kingdom be such as shall enable you more effectually to carry forward this great work, and together may we be strengthened and prepared to meet coming responsibilities and duties. May this convention be one whose influence shall be felt, one which shall leave a lasting impression on many hearts, and may all be done for God's glory and the welfare of the cause we love.

Response.

BY MRS. M. M. BARKLEY, ARGYLE, N. Y.

We most sincerely thank you for your kind welcome, and with pleasure clasp hands extended to us in such cordial greeting. We have come from our different homes, scattered far and wide, to rejoice over what God has done for us, and to hear reported the progress of mission work. The occasion that brings us together is, or should be, one of great interest to every heart that has any desire for the promulgation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The time that may be spent here in planning and exchanging thoughts upon the best ways of sending the good news and glad tidings of Salvation to all the world may, we hope, be time well spent. A time, too, the remembrance of which will long bring profitable, as well as pleasant, memories. We come, too, hoping and praying that the benefits from this meeting may be mutual; that all, older and younger, may be led to ask in all sincerity, "Lord, what wilt Thou have *me* to do?" Several things are necessary in order to carry on this work. Organized effort is a necessary element in any successful undertaking. Then we must give of our substance. Our's, did I say? The silver and gold are God's, and He will increase the value of our gifts in proportion to the love that prompts them. Having but little to give does not relieve our responsibility. Our Saviour expected the same proportion from the man with one talent as from him to whom ten had been given. Then work is necessary. Perhaps we can do but little. We cannot do what Mary did if we would. But did the Master turn her away unnoticed? Ah, no; listen to what He said: "She hath done what she could." O, if every woman in our churches were only doing what she could, with time, money, words and deeds, what different reports we would hear at our meetings! Then prayer is needed. We should especially pray for those who know not of Jesus and His love. Our prayers, too, should be full of thankfulness. Why are we so favored? Made but a little lower than the angels, with intelligent minds, free access to God's word, followed all our lives by His goodness and mercy. Is there *one* who dares say, "I have no money to give, no talent to invest, no prayer to offer." What, no gift for this altar, where the costliest sacrifice was laid, where God gave His son to death that you and I might live eternally?

Again we thank you for your warm welcome to your beautiful city, I had almost said of brotherly, I mean sisterly, love. We thank you for our kind reception in your homes. Thank you for making this house so attractive. May we sit together here in unity—in God's banqueting house—rejoicing that His banner over us is love.

Women's Influence in The Home, The Church, and The State.

BY MRS. J. T. M'CRORY.

Our President, in her excellent address before the Women's General Missionary Society last year, directed attention to our work both as to its origin and development. The organization and growth, as well as the elements of success in our society, were all noticed. That address was laid before the women of the church in the published minutes of the proceedings, and its important and interesting facts should be familiar to us all. And now, trusting that, through the medium of the MAGAZINE, the church papers, and the pulpit, you have all kept pace with the progress of the work during the year, I will take the liberty to diverge a little from what might seem to be the most appropriate line of discussion, and present to you, my sisters, a few thoughts on woman's influence in the three divinely instituted departments of life—the home, the church, and the state.

We turn our thoughts backward upon the past. In sacred history what a galaxy of glorious names illumine its pages, from Genesis to Revelation! Every Christian gathers inspiration from the story of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Elisha, Daniel, and the apostles of Jesus. And in secular annals, how patriotism thrills with the fame of our own immortal dead, whose deeds have made them worthy of everlasting remembrance, as we read of Washington and Jefferson, Adams and Henry, Lincoln and Sumner, Garrison and Grant!

Here, however, we are more particularly interested in the women who have deserved mention among the good and great—women who have become famous because of holy and noble deeds, or

lives sacrificed for the good of others. We love to linger with Miriam, who stood guard over that priceless life hidden away among the bulrushes of the Nile, and became the inspiration of the great deliverer in the weary journey of forty years through the wilderness; with Deborah, the leader of Israel's host, who, when man's courage failed, inspired the fearful and led the hesitating to victory; with Esther, who at the risk of her own life saved her people from destruction; with Dorcas, loved for her alms-deeds and brought back from the dead, so necessary was she for the comfort of the sorrowful poor; with the Marys and Marthas, the Phoebes and Priscillas, and with all to whom that sweet and precious commendation of Jesus may apply, "She hath done what she could."

But the good and noble women have not all lived away back in Bible times and in Bible lands, for every age has been adorned by those of whom the world was not worthy. And whether their names and deeds have been recorded in history, or only on the hearts of those in some narrow circle of acquaintance, in some limited sphere of usefulness, their influence has been felt, and their memory is like ointment poured forth.

In no former age, however, has the power of woman been so universally acknowledged as at the present time. Since she has enjoyed educational advantages equal with those of her brother, woman has been rapidly advancing, both in power and usefulness, until to-day, even in secular affairs, almost every door stands open to her for effort and achievement. As we are told, "Women have secured a footing in four thousand four hundred and sixty-seven branches of industry, which include all gainful occupations, excepting those that demand great outdoor exposure and muscular effort." And notwithstanding the fears of some good people, this enlarged sphere has not wrought disastrously upon her womanly nature, nor been in any way an injury to her influence in her domestic relations. Home, however, is woman's peculiar sphere, and as such it must ever remain, for God has so ordained it—the throne of her influence and the centre of her usefulness.

Now, what we plead for here is, that home shall be made, so far as our influence extends, sincerely and thoroughly Christian. With the love of Jesus in our hearts, let us see to it that its savor shall pervade every part of the sacred precincts of the home. Not only should there be the family altar with formal morning and evening devotions, but let Jesus be supreme in kitchen and parlor, in the social and educational, the domestic and artistic affairs, among children and helpers, in business and pleasure. In the whole process of education of our children, let us teach them to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," as vital to their happiness and usefulness in the world. And yet, alas! is there not reason to fear that too many Christian mothers set other considerations above the spiritual? Is it not true that many Christian mothers become ambitious of social distinction for their sons and daughters, and enter into a conspiracy with the world against the eternal interests of their own flesh and blood, and give to the home a secular atmosphere, and leave the Lord whom they profess to love above all things, to seek a resting place in other hearts? Who can estimate the value of a Christian home or the extent of its influence! It is like the lighthouse built upon the solid rock, and though storms may rage without and angry billows beat against it, it stands secure, protecting all within, while the cheering rays of its beacon light are thrown far out on the troubled sea, guiding many a tempest-tossed mariner to the haven of rest and safety.

Dark, indeed, is that land where there are no such homes, where the mothers and daughters—the home-makers—are despised and neglected, the victims of ignorance and superstition, and steeped in vice and shame. Very beautiful things may be written as to the character of Buddhism, and the domestic felicity and sweet contentment, the lovely character of the "divinely patient" women of Japan, but those who have eyes to see beneath the surface, and have deeply studied the condition of heathendom, know that womanhood in all heathen lands cries, with a most pathetic voice, out of deplorable depths of degradation, for Christ and his salvation. This fact, above all others, enlists the sympathy of Christian women, and in order that our sisters across the sea may have thrown

around them the blessed influences of the gospel, which has secured to us our Christian homes, we should bend every energy and employ every resource at our command, a part of which is to see to it that our lives and homes are what they should be.

This individual effort in the sacred and private walks of home, however, is not enough, nor is it. We are members of a great organization, which includes millions of the purest and best of all the daughters of Adam. In it we are to fill a place, and through it is our influence to be exerted and felt. Every student of the Bible is familiar with the thorough organization of the Israelites as they were prepared for their march through the wilderness and conquest of the promised land. We do not wonder that the heathen nations were filled with dismay at the approach of this vast army, so thoroughly prepared for aggressive and defensive warfare. This in itself is sufficient to suggest the need of organized effort, and fully justify it in the Lord's cause. To-day there is an army marching forth for the conquest of the world. It is the church of Jesus Christ. Women are in the majority in this great all-conquering host.

The Missionary Society has become an important factor in this grand army of the Lord, and is doing a work which, without it, would remain undone. No church organization can afford to be without its help. In this centennial year of the organization of missionary societies—for the first missionary society of modern times, as is well known, was formed in 1792—we should not overlook the advantages of such agencies in doing the Master's work.

In our own denomination the Women's Missionary Society, the open door through which twenty thousand women have stepped from the "passive into the active voice," is deserving of our most serious consideration and earnest and unceasing prayers. Our very name implies activity, an activity that is unselfish and untiring, an activity that is intelligent, aggressive, and zealous, and that calls into service every energy of being—of body, mind, and heart. These facts are made more apparent by each successive annual convention and report. The church, both at home and abroad, feels the growing force and inspiration in every department of her work.

Since the organization of the General Society, the progress along all lines has been very encouraging indeed. Nine years ago, we reported in all our societies a membership of 10,983, with contributions amounting to $25,731. This year, after nine years of labor, we report 20,632 members, and contributions amounting to $51,995, making an increase of 9,649 in membership, and $26,264 in the amount contributed. Add to these statistical facts others that are not so tangible, but none the less real, and even more suggestive, viz., the development of new lines of activity, both local and general, home and foreign, and we have much for which we may thank God, and from which we may take courage.

Still, while we rejoice at the progress made, we are not satisfied, and our desire is to press onward and upward. Let us look upon this organization, the Women's General Missionary Society, which has been the means of stimulating us to greater effort, as a providential interposition, and with loving enthusiasm and jealous care seek its fuller development and greater efficiency. Let us not forget that in union there is strength, and our influence, which increases as our numbers increase, is rendered more effectual in our organized capacity. Let us with grateful hearts acknowledge the Captain of our salvation as the one who has gone before and prepared the way, and then kindly led us by this means into these new and ever-widening fields of usefulness at home and abroad.

There is, however, a still wider sphere of influence in which we must bear our part. That woman has exerted a positive and powerful influence on the nation has always been admitted. Such adages as these: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," or, "The mother in the home moulds the character of the nation," are suggestive of this influence. History abundantly corroborates these sayings. Wherever there has been needed a Moses to lead God's people, there has been a Jochebed's or a Miriam's influence to mould the character necessary for leadership. The public men, whose influence has been most widely felt in the great political movements, have nearly all given the honor of what they became or achieved to the influence of their

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mothers. Nor has this good influence been limited to motherhood, but it has exerted itself through other channels.

If the downtrodden and the slave have had occasion to thank God for a Wilberforce, it should not be forgotten that the influence of three noble Christian women, his aunt during his early years, and Lady Middleton and Hannah More, in the critical period of his early public career, exerted a mighty influence on his life of usefulness. And of the human influences, which wrought in our own land and time for the emancipation of three millions of bondmen, those started by the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" were certainly among the most potent and far-reaching. We are also familiar with the self-sacrificing work done by the women, both North and South, during the civil war.

Less than a quarter of a century ago, through the united efforts of three Christian women, the standard of the white cross was set up in the heart of darkest England, and held there by their trembling hands, until an aroused nation rallied around that standard and indignantly demanded the repeal of infamous laws, by which the most awful vices were protected, and the British Parliament heard that demand and, trembling, hastened to obey. Thus the tide of evil which had engulfed England was stayed and rolled back, and the movement on behalf of social purity started, which is being felt in every nation of the world. Surely God has not left himself without most striking witness to the power he will exert through these weaker vessels on the political and social destinies of the world for the good of humanity and the glory of his name.

And to-day the Women's Christian Temperance Union, that heroic and devoted band of modern crusaders, which encircles the world, through its various departments by petition and agitation, has had a profound influence in educating the people on some of the gravest questions of the day. And yet there remains much work to be done, for notwithstanding the united effort of Christian women and many Christian men, that great evil of evils sweeps on and threatens to engulf our nation. In one of our religious papers a short time ago this question was asked: "Who can be relied on to fight the liquor traffic?" and the answer in substance was this: There is not a single class of voters, in their respective callings, to be relied upon to fight this great evil, on account of their dependence on or connection with it.

While we are happy to believe there are many noble exceptions to this despicable rule, yet the majority of the voters sanction the licensing of this destructive traffic, which is robbing men of all they have in this world and the hope of the world to come, this cruel monster which is filling our prisons and almshouses with hundreds and thousands who should and might otherwise be honored and respected citizens; nor do they seem to hear the cry from thousands of hungry, half-clad children and broken-hearted wives and mothers.

But God will hear. He has been calling upon the law makers of our land to rise up and outlaw this awful tyrant, to legislate in defence of "God, and Home, and Native Land," and is he not saying to those who wield the ballot, the uncrowned kings of America, "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise from another place?" The time is coming when God will deliver his people from this awful curse, how or when we do not know; but this we do know, our God is neither deaf to the cry nor indifferent to the sorrows of the oppressed. If the arm of man fails to do his bidding, who knoweth but he may raise up a Deborah to lead the army on to victory? And while we wait God's time to send deliverance, your duty and my duty is to labor on and pray without ceasing, each one doing faithfully and heartily the work God gives her, remembering that although our individual effort and influence may seem insignificant, yet the ten thousand little rivulets will swell at length into the mighty, resistless river.

May we not indulge the hope that, although met here for a specific purpose, for the consideration of the interest of our organized enterprises, we shall return to our several homes and humble spheres of activity with a new zeal for the Lord's cause in the Home, the Church, and the State?

The session closed with singing. Benediction by Rev. W. W. Barr, D. D.

The social hour was spent in greeting

delegates and visitors and arranging for the meeting with those to whose homes they were assigned.

MAY 11, 9:30 A. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. D. M. Sleeth, Zanesville, Ohio, consisting of singing led by choir; prayer by Miss E. D. Anderson, missionary, late of India; Scripture reading, followed by prayer; concluded by singing No. 144, Bible Songs.

Roll call shows 80 regular delegates, 1 special delegate, 10 life members, 10 Directors of the Women's Board, and 2 members of THE MAGAZINE Committee present:

Allegheny.—Miss Esther Thompson, Miss Ida Jones, Miss Anna M. Allen, Miss Sarah McCormick, Miss Lizzie Dyer, Mrs. Thomas Hays, Miss Jennie Leitch, Miss Blanche Calhoun, Miss Jennie B. Wallace, Miss Beatty, Miss Nannie Thompson.

Argyle.—Mrs. Rev. G. M. Wylie.

Beaver Valley.—Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Mrs. J. G. Young, Miss Emma D. Anderson.

Big Spring.—Mrs. James Martin, Miss Margaret Adams.

Brookville.—Miss Mary E. Work.

Butler.—Miss Mary H. Boyd, Miss Jessie Miller.

Caledonia.—Miss Libbie Johnston.

Cedar Rapids.—Mrs. James Young.

Chartiers.—Mrs. Mary McNary, Miss Maggie Cowden.

Chicago.—Mrs. Dr. Killough.

Colorado.—Mrs. Dr. O. W. Spicer.

Cleveland.—Mrs. J. Mac Moore.

Conemaugh.—Mrs. Rev. W. H. McMaster, Mrs. Virginia Hastings.

Delaware.—Mrs. J. J. Andrews.

Des Moines.—Mrs. M. E. McConnell.

Egypt.—Mrs. J. K. Giffen, Miss Smith.

Illinois Southern.—Mrs. J. W. Ashwood.

Indiana.—Mrs. J. L. Aten.

Iowa Northwestern.—Mrs. E. F. Brown.

Lake.—Mrs. John Reed.

Le Claire.—Mrs. C. C. Potter.

Mansfield.—Miss Leila G. Sawhill.

Mercer.—Miss Emma McFarland, Miss Grace A. Jackson.

Monmouth.—Mrs. T. G. Morrow, Mrs. William Hogue.

Monongehela.—Mrs. Wm. McKown, Mrs. Rev. D. S. Littell, Mrs. J. Bartholomew, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. J. English, Mrs. M. A. Workman, Mrs. John McCance, Mrs. H. Blethrow, Mrs. A. M. Watt, Miss L. J. Boyd, Miss Agnes Johnston, Miss Bessie Campbell, Miss Emma Glass, Miss Agnes C. Johnston.

Muskingum.—Mrs. D. M. Sleeth.

New York.—Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mrs. D. Collins.

1st Ohio.—Mrs. D. H. French.

Omaha.—Mrs. Albert Gordon.

Philadelphia.—Mrs. Robt. Montgomery, Mrs. Stinson, Miss Sue Kerr.

Rock Island.—Miss Martha Davidson.

Stalkot.—Mrs. Rob't Stewart.

Sidney.—Mrs. Alice Curry.

Steubenville.—Miss M. M. Smith.

Westmoreland.—Mrs. Thos. I. Stewart, Mrs. S. B. McBride, Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Miss Sadie Long, Miss Bessie Young.

Wheeling.—Miss Lulu Dunbar, Miss Anna Watson.

Xenia.—Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, Mrs. H. P. Jackson.

W. U. P. Association.—Mrs. Jean S. Sands.

Special Delegate.—Miss Anna R. Morrow.

Life Members.—Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. Mary B. Reid, Mrs. W. W. Greer, Mrs. Jean S. Sands, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Mrs. George B. Hill, Mrs. J. D. Sands, Mrs. Martha Patterson, Miss E. D. Brown, Miss Jennie B. Wallace.

Directors Women's Board.—Mrs. Anna R. Herron, Mrs. Agnes K. Duff, Mrs. Mary B. Reid, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. E. J. McPherson, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Dr. C. Jane Vincent, Miss Elizabeth D. Brown, Miss Elizabeth J. Sloan.

Magazine Committee.—Mrs. Rev. J. G. Carson, Mrs. W. C. Hutchison.

The President appointed the following Committees:

NOMINATING.—Mrs. Thos. S. Stewart, Mrs. T. G. Morrow, Mrs. Rev. G. M. Wylie, Mrs. Dr. O. W. Spicer, Mrs. M. E. McConnell.

PLACE OF MEETING.—Miss Jennie Leitch, Mrs. James Young, Mrs. H. P. Jackson, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. C. C. Potter.

THANK-OFFERING.—Mrs. Virginia Hastings, Mrs. Margaret Gordon, Mrs. Dr. Killough, Mrs. W. W. Greer.

RESOLUTIONS.—Mrs. J. W. Ashwood, Miss Emma D. Anderson, Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, Mrs. John Reid.

Report of the Secretary of Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society, read by Secretary, Mrs. M. W. Porter; on motion accepted, with the exception of the invitation to Los Angeles, Cal.; on motion as amended referred to a committee.

Report of Treasurer Women's General Missionary Society, Miss E. J. Sloan, read and on motion accepted.

Report Women's Association Work, read by Mrs. Jean S. Sands, delegate, and embracing reports of the three objects under its care, viz. Orphan's Home, Children's Memorial Hospital and Home for the Aged. On motion received and adopted.

Miss E. J. Sloan, Treasurer of the Women's Board, presented her report. On motion accepted.

Conference, conducted by Mrs. Rev. W. H. McMaster, of Conemaugh Presbytery, subject: "The Local Society in Relation to Pastoral Work in the Congregation". Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. McConnell and others took part in the conference.

Mrs. Finley moved that our morning sessions close at 12:30, and afternoon sessions at 5:30 P. M. Carried.

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter read the report of the Literature Committee, which was on motion accepted, and the committee continued with the addition of Mrs. Mary M. Hill and Mrs. E. J. McPherson. Mrs. M. C. Porter asked if the Convention would authorize the Women's Board to supply the money to carry on this work until it is self-supporting. Remarks followed. The Convention was urged to make provision for the distribution of its literature by the committee.

Moved by Mrs. McConnell, as amended, that the Women's Board be authorized to make a grant of $50.00 to the Literature Committee, and that we recommend Presbyterial Societies to contribute to a fund for the free distribution of the literature of its Board, and also that the Literature Committee be authorized to give their envelopes of samples *free* to delegates. Carried.

Miss E. D. Brown moved that all persons on the programme, and missionaries present, be invited to sit as consultative members of the Convention. Carried.

Dinner being announced the Convention was adjourned. Benediction pronounced by Rev. J. A. Kennedy.

MAY 11, 1:45 P. M.

Afternoon session opened with Scripture reading by Mrs. J. L. Aten, of Madison. Prayer by Mrs. T. G. Morrow, of Monmouth, Ill.

Report of the Foreign Work of the Women's Board was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Mary B. Reid, which included the reports of the missionaries of India and Egypt. On motion accepted.

A paper, entitled "Evangelistic and Medical Work in the Foreign Field," by Miss Ella O. Kyle, of Xenia, Ohio, returned missionary from Egypt, was read, in which a strong and touching appeal was made for additional missionaries for this field.

Report of THE MAGAZINE Committee was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, of Xenia, Ohio, who explained the guarantee fund and offered the following recommendations. Mrs. D. H. French moved the acceptance of the report and that the recomendations be accepted upon separately. Carried.

The Chairman read recommendation 1st.

That as representatives of missionary societies we will make earnest efforts to largely increase the circulation of our WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE the coming year.

On motion adopted.

Recommendation 2d:

In order that THE MAGAZINE may better promote and further the interests of our whole cause the Publishing Committee should have the sympathy, loyalty and confidence of all our societies and members, and that an agent be appointed in every society.

Many kind and encouraging remarks preceded the adoption of this recommendation.

Recommendation 3d:

Inasmuch as our weekly church papers easily anticipate THE MAGAZINE in its monthly issue, and in this way general missionary items seem "stale," it is to be desired that letters and contributions relating specially to our women's work be published in THE MAGAZINE only, except in urgent and exceptional cases.

A earnest discussion followed the read-

ing of this article, Mrs. French, Mrs. Young, Miss J. B. Wallace and others taking part. A motion for adoption was lost.

Recommendation 4th:

From the Treasurer's report you will see there is a surplus in the treasury of $1784.00. The committee recommend that they be authorized to set aside $184 to meet outstanding obligation; that $1,000 be set aside as a permanent reserve fund, and that the remaining $600 be placed at the disposal of the committee to be used by them for the good of the MAGAZINE. That the guarantee fund be abolished and the committee be authorized to return the twelve shares voluntarily contributed to this fund to the donors on their application.

Recommendation 5th:

Whilst we put forth our best energies and avail ourselves of all possible human help, and are diligent and careful in devising ways and means for carrying on this work, we will continue to look to "the Hills from whence cometh our aid," to "the Rock that is higher than we," in the confidence that God will "establish the work of our hands."

On motion of Mrs. J. S. Stewart adopted.

Mrs. W. W. Greer moved that Presbyterial secretaries wishing copies of THE MAGAZINE for samples, be supplied with them by paying a nominal sum. Answered by Mrs. French that the motion of sending sample copies be *left to discretion* of MAGAZINE Committee. Carried.

Report Treasurer MAGAZINE Committee, Mrs. J. G. Carson, read and on motion accepted.

Report of Secretary of Church Extension and Parsonage Fund, prepared by the Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Gillespie, read by Mrs. H. C. Campbell; on motion accepted.

Miss. Sloan moved that Mrs. Geo. B. Hill and Mrs. J. D. Sands, of Monongehela Presbytery, be received as life members of Women's General Missionary Society, their fees having been received before the convening of this society. Carried.

The Committee on blank forms for use of societies to make uniform reports reported. Mrs. W. J. Reid, Chairman, explained the form proposed. On motion the matter was laid on the table until the day following. Minutes of previous sessions read and adopted. Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. H. C. Campbell.

MAY 11, 7:30.

The Thank-offering service appointed for this evening was conducted by 1st Vice President, Mrs. Dr. Finley, Xenia, Ohio, and included prayer by Mrs. Dr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, Pa., singing led by the choir, responsive scripture reading and an address by Mrs. Finley.

The Thank-offering was presented by delegates representing their presbyteries—in many instances quoting an appropriate verse of Scripture while making the offering. When the presentations of the offerings was concluded, the choir led the Convention in singing the 100th psalm, after which Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, of Xenia, Ohio, read an excellent paper on "Reasons for Thankfulcess." The interest taken in this service was increased by two affecting incidents. One was the presentation of a sum of money in loving memory of Miss Lucy Hollis by her sisters; the other the gift of Mrs. Mary King, aged 91 years, who had knitted for sale a pair of soft white wool socks or hose, the amount realized to represent her Thank-offering. Mr. Stinson Sr., of Philadelphia Presbytery, purchased the hose, paying $10 for them, which sum was, as requested, placed in the Thank-offering fund. On motion of Mrs. W. W. Greer, of Verona, the Secretary was authorized to write and inform the aged mother of the amount for which they were sold.

Mrs. Finley requested the audience to rise and stand with bowed heads during the reading of King David's Thank-offering prayer. The service was closed by, singing, at the request of Mrs. Campbell No. 17 of Praise Programme.

The Foreign missionaries present were invited to come to the platform and were introduced to the audience by the President. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart, Rev. and Mrs. Lytle, and Miss Emma D. Anderson, of India; Mrs. Giffen, Miss Smith,

Miss Conner and Miss Kyle, of Egypt, responded to the invitation. Several of the missionaries favored the audience with brief remarks relating to the work in the foreign field.

Evening session closed with benediction by Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., of Philadelphia.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 9:30 A. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. M. H. Boyd, of Philadelphia. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Nelson, of 2nd Church, and Mrs. Parker, of 9th Church, Philadelphia. Singing No. 20, Praise Programme, led by the choir, closed the opening service. The roll was called. Report of the Secretary of Home work of the Women's Board read by the Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Campbell, was, on motion, received and adopted. A paper was read by Mrs. Hattie E. Spicer, of Colorado Springs, Col., on "Home Missions." On motion of Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Gordon, of Nebraska, was invited to give an experience talk. This talk carried the audience to the far Western Home Mission fields. The earnestness of the speaker in describing the home life of the missionaries while devoting themselves to the work of the Master, enlisted the greatest interest in the cause of, and sympathy with, the Home missionaries in the far West.

The resolutions submitted by the General Assembly Committee of 1892 were in turn submitted to the Convention for endorsement of the action of the Board, with the understanding that the report is in no way binding until after its adoption and ratification by the Geueral Assembly. On motion of Mrs. Sands the matter was laid on the table, to be made the first business of the afternoon.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Department in THE MAGAZINE was read by Mrs. E. M. Hill, and on motion of Mrs. Hogue, adopted. Committee appointed to take charge of this department for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. K. Martin, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Monmouth, Ill.; Mrs. John Williamson, Mrs. J. M. French, Omaha, Nebraska.

Session closed with singing No. 189 Bible Songs.

The election of officers and directors of Women's Board being the order of the day for the afternoon, Miss Wallace moved that the election be conducted by ballot. Carried.

The President appointed the following tellers: Miss Jennie B. Wallace, Mrs. Jean I. Sands, Mrs. Mattie Patterson, Miss Lulu Dunbar, Mrs. Howard I. Wilson.

On motion adjourned.

MAY 12, 2 P. M.

Miss M. M. Smith, of Steubenville Presbytery, opened the session by asking the audience to join with her in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The service included reading of Scripture and singing of selections from the Praise Programme. A number of persons responded to request by Miss Smith for prayer for the Freedmen's cause.

In accordance with the resolution passed in morning session, the report of the General Assembly Committee was made the order of the day. The resolutions were read seriatum, and the action of the Board in regard to these resolutions was, on motion of Mrs. J. B. Lee, endorsed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The wonderfully extended and very effective work of the Women's General Missionary Society is the growth of a few years. It has come upon the Church as a new thing and one whose conditions could not be anticipated by either the women or the Church at large. Slight misunderstandings and difficulties have thus necessarily arisen, which required time and experience to overcome, but it speaks well for the devoted Christian character of the United Presbyterian women that these difficulties have been so few and so readily adjusted. Recognizing the importance of the work so efficiently conducted by the Women's Board and the propriety of adopting some rules to fit the old systems of work to this new force which has been raised up by the Master for the advancement of his cause, and for the purpose of more clearly defining the position of the society to the General Assembly and to the regular Boards of the Church, we recommend the following:

1. That the present charter of the Women's General Missionary Society shall be so amended

that the society shall be under the control and direction of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

The property, real and personal, of said society shall be held by it *in trust* for the United Presbyterian Church and, in the event of the dissolution of the society, shall inure to the trustees of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to be appropriated by them to the objects and uses for which it was contributed.

2. That the by-laws of the society shall be so amended that at the annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society suitable nominations shall be made of women to serve as directors of said society and submitted to the next succeeding meeting of the General Assembly, and if the nominations so made and submitted shall be approved by the General Assembly, the names of the persons thus nominated shall be presented to the corporation for election.

3. The relation of the Women's Board to the other Boards of the Church is understood to be auxiliary. It has, therefore, properly charge of such matters as may, from time to time, be committed to it by any of the Boards or by the General Assembly.

4. As the General Assembly of 1889 (see minutes, page 220, resolution 2) transfered the management of the medical work in foreign fields to the Women's Board, the following rules should govern the relations with the Board of Foreign Missions:

1. The Women's Board may, from time to time, as there shall be need, nominate to their Board of Foreign Missions for appointment by said Board, suitable persons to be employed as medical missionaries. The missionaries, when thus appointed, shall be subject to the rules of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the missionary associations, as other missionaries are; it being understood that the entire expense of the medical work shall be provided for by the Women's Board. That this may be done, the missionary associations shall be instructed to send separate estimates of the whole expense of the medical work directly to the Women's Board, and the said Board may, if they so desire, remit direct to the missionary associations for the same, *exclusive* of the salaries.

2. In cases in which the support of other female missionaries is provided by the Women's Board, said Board may nominate to the Board of Foreign Missions for appointment suitable persons for the work. When these missionaries shall have been formally appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions they shall be subject to the rules of the said Board and of the missionary associations in the foreign field, and the salaries shall be paid through the Board of Foreign Missions.

An opportunity was given to ask questions and to have anything regarding this matter explained to those who did not clearly understand it. The offer was taken advantage of, and the explanation made by Directors of the Board. Mrs. Gordon suggested that a clear, concise statement of this subject be published in the THE MAGAZINE, so that "a wayfaring man, though a fool, may not err therein."

Mrs. Thomas S. Stewart moved that Mrs. Gordon be appointed to write this "clear, concise article that 'a wayfaring woman may not err therein.'" Cafried.

Report of Secretary of Freedmen's work of Women's Board, read by the Secretary, Dr. C. Jane Vincent, was on motion received and adopted. Mrs. Dr. Finley here moved that the hour appointed for the conference on "Mission Bands" be postponed until the evening session and that we change the hour of meeting for business from 7:30 p. m. to 7.00 p. m. Carried.

Committee on place of meeting, Miss Jennie Leitch, Chairman, reported cordial invitations having been received from the following Presbyterial Associations: Omaha, Des Moines and Los Angeles. Your Committee would recommend the acceptance of the invitation from Omaha, Neb. On motion of Mrs. Campbell the report was adopted and the invitation from Omaha, Neb., accepted.

Miss J. B. Wallace, moved that we add to this acceptance our thanks for invitations received from Los Angeles and Des Moines Presbyteries, and regret we cannot accept the invitations. Carried.

Thank-offering Committee reports amount received at Thank-offering service $8903.16. On motion the report was adopted.

The year 1893 being the tenth year of our existence as a Women's Missionary Society it was suggested by Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter that we celebrate the tenth aniversary of our organization and in order to give form to the suggestion offered the following:

Resolved, 1st, That in special recognition of the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father in these past nine years of our organization as a Women's General Missionary Society, and that we may do still greater things for Christ and His cause in the future, we do hereby pledge ourselves during our decennial year.

1st, By each member of our congregational societies trying to secure at least one additional member early in the year.

2nd, That each one of our present membership now numbering 20,632 make an effort to contribute *one extra penny a day* toward a Thank-offering of $75,000 on our tenth anniversary, to the General Mission work of the church. On motion of Mrs. Hogue this resolution was adopted.

In order that this resolution may be placed before the women of the church at an early date, on motion of Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. Porter was authorized to publish this resolution in the church papers. Plans were discussed regarding the best and most convenient way to provide for the accumulation of the Thank-offering fund and it was on motion of Mrs. Campbell decided to authorize our Literature Committee to prepare suitable mite-boxes for

Thank-offering purposes and to distribute the same gratuitously to every woman in the church who will agree to use them.

Nominating Committee reports,

For President.—Mrs. W. H. Vincent, Detroit; Mrs. D. H. French, 1st Ohio.

For Vice President.—Mrs. T. B. Stewart, San Francisco; Mrs. W. T. Meloy, Chicago; Mrs. R. T. Elliot, Philadelphia; Mrs. T. C. McKelvy, New York.

Mrs. R. T. Elliot asked leave to withdraw her name, which request was granted.

Secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongehela.
Treasurer, Miss E. D. Brown, Monongehala.

Board of Directors, (*Five to elect.*)—Mrs. D. S. Littell, Monongehala; Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongehela; Miss Maggie Murdock, Chartiers; Mrs. Virginia Hastings, Indiana; Miss Jennie Wallace, Allegheny; Mrs. J. A. Grier, Mercer; Miss E. D. Brown, Monongehala; Mrs. A. Boyd, Mercer.

On motion report was accepted.

On motion resolved that we act upon these nominations separately, and an opportunity be given to add to the list of names. Three additional names were suggested, but the ladies asking leave to withdraw, it was moved that Mrs. W. H. Vincent be elected President of this Society by acclamation. The Secretary be ordered to cast the ballot. Motion carried and Mrs. W. H. Vincent, of Detroit, declared President of the Women's General Missionary Society for the year 1892-93.

The three nominations for Vice President resulted in the election of two—Mrs. W. T. Meloy, of Chicago, and Mrs. T. B. Stewart, of San Francisco. On motion the Secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, was elected by acclamation, the President depositing the vote.

The three nominations for Treasurer resulted in the election of Miss Elizabeth J. Sloan, of Monongehela Presbytery.

The twelve nominations for Directors of Women's Board resulted in the election of five, namely, Miss E. D. Brown, Monongehela Presbytery; Mrs. John S. Hastings, Indiana Presbytery; Mrs. Thos. Stewart, Westmoreland; Mrs. J. A. Grier, Mercer; Mrs. M. W. Porter, Monongehela.

In order that we may have more time for the transaction of business it was on motion decided to adjourn, and meet half an hour earlier than the regular hour for meeting.

The President appointed the following Executive Committee to assist in making arrangements for Convention of 1893: Mrs. J. L. McCague, Omaha; Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Omaha; Mrs. T. T. Wilson, Omaha.

6:30 P. M.

In accordance with the resolution passed at previous session Convention proceeded to business, the Omaha memorial being the order of the day, which reads as follows:

To the Eighth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society, to meet in the Third Church Pittsburgh, Pa., 18th 1891; Greeting:—

The Women's Missionary Association of Omaha Presbytery do hereby memorialize the Women's General Missionary Society to make such changes in its Constitution as to provide,

1st, That a general convention be held but once in three years.

2nd, That Presbyterial Associations be directed to arrange for annual district conventions within the bounds of each Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOHN WILLIAMSON, President,
MRS. J. A. HENDERSON, Secretary.
Omaha, Neb., April 15th 1891.

The memorial having been submitted to Presbyteries, Mrs. Gordon, of Nebraska, moved for its adoption, explaining why this memorial was sent. Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Sands and Mrs. McConnell spoke on the question. Motion lost. The expense of sending delegates being one of the most important reasons given for the adoption of the memorial, and the sympathy of the Convention being with the sisters of the far West, it was decided to take some measures to relieve them of this burden, and a motion adopted that a committee be appointed to be called a Committee of Finance, to devise means by which a fund can be raised to defray the expenses of delegates. Committee appointed are as follows: Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Allegheny; Mrs. M. M. Patterson, Monongahela, Mrs. T. S. Stewart, Westmoreland, Mrs. Virginia Hastings, Conemaugh; Mrs. Wylie

Stevenson, Allegheny.

The manner of publishing the minutes was the next business in order.

Moved by Mrs. J. B. Lee that the minutes of the Convention be published in the July number of THE MAGAZINE. Carried.

Mrs. Hutchison moved that the Woman's Board bear the expense of publishing the minutes. Discussed by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Rudy, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Littell, Mrs. Carson and Miss Brown. Motion lost.

Mrs. Thomas A. Stewart moved that THE MAGAZINE Committee bear the expense of publishing the minutes. Discussed by Mrs. Carson, Mrs. French, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. McConnell, and others. Motion lost.

On motion of Mrs. Herron, as amended by Mrs. Stewart, the delegates were instructed to request their Presbyterial societies to pay five cents per member to defray the expense of printing the minutes. Carried.

These resolutions gave the members of the Convention an opportunity for free expression of opinion, the subject being thoroughly discussed. Mrs. Campbell moved that the Women's Board assume the expense of publishing the minutes. Carried. And it was so ordered.

MAY 12, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Leitch, of Allegheny, prayer by Mrs. Giffen, missionary from Egypt. Paper by Mrs. Edwin M. Hill, "The Mission Band, its Relation to the Presbyterial and General Missionary Society." The paper was discussed by Mrs. Ashwood.

Mrs. Campbell moved that this society instruct its Board to appoint a Secretary of Young Women's Work and that she during the ensuing year work up this mission band work so that this new wheel may be ready to revolve with all the other wheels of this society at our meeting in Omaha in 1893. Remarks were made by Mrs. M. C. Porter, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. French. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stewart requested that the Board be instructed as to certificates for life membership.

On motion of Mrs Reid the Board was instructed to provide a plain simple certificate.

A paper, "God's Answer to our Prayers—Our Response," written by Mrs. W. T. Campbell, of Monmouth, was read by Mrs. Morrow.

Paper, "Our Young People," by Miss Lulu Dunbar, Uniontown, Ohio.

Greetings were received from the Women's Presbyterial societies of Arkansas Valley in session at Wichita, Kansas, April 12, and Kansas Valley in session at Topeka, Kansas, April 5; also from the missionary societies of the 1st and 2d churches, Washington, Iowa. On motion it was ordered that these greetings be recorded on the minutes and the Secretary instructed to reply. Carried.

Resolutions and greeting as follows:

Greetings.

To the W. G. M. S. Assembled at Philadelphia, May 10, 11 and 12, 1892.

The W. P. S., of Arkansas Valley in session at Wichita, Kansas, April 12th, sends Christian greetings.

Inasmuch as you meet so far from us that we cannot be represented by one of our number, we desire to let you know that we are one with you in interest and sympathy in the common cause of our Master, and our prayer is that you may be guided in all the sessions of the convention for His honor and glory. Read Heb. XIII; 2, 21.

FANNIE B. JACKSON, Pres.

Anthony, Kan., May, 7th, 1892.

WASHINGTON, IOWA., May 9th, 1892.

DEAR SISTERS:—Inasmuch as we are in no way represented in this our General Missionary Society, it seemed good to us as members of the Women's Missionary societies of the First and Second United Presbyterian churches in Washington, Iowa, to send greetings to the sisters now assembled in convention, and to assure you of our heartfelt interest in this meeting, and that although we cannot be with you our earnest prayers are yours.

We notice in the report of the Des. Moines Presbyterial Society, as given in our *valued* MAGAZINE, that they, with *kindly solicitude*, have written to the Khedive of Egypt with regard to his father's kindness to our missionaries during his life, with expressions of hopeful confidence that this may continue under his administration.

Now it occurred to us, if our General Missionary Society would take a similar action on the same and send to the present Khedeve it would have additional weight and might prove a blessing to our dear ones so faithfully laboring in that mission field.

Trusting this suggestion may not seem out of place, we are most affectionately, your sisters in the work of the *Master*.

MRS. DR. CRAWFORD,
MRS. Z. A. TODD,
MRS. J. N. LAUGHEAD,
MRS. DR. BOICE,
MISS MAGGIE JOHNSON. } COM.

DEAR SISTERS.—Greeting. The Presbyterial Association of Kansas City Presbytery, session at Topkea, April 5th, on account of the great distance to the place of meeting, and the straitened condition of the finance pertaining to our church's work in this wide, and needy Home Mission field, decided not to send a delegate this year to the annual meeting, but to convey their blessing, and some of the work purposed by the society, in a letter. In the first place we remember you in our meeting, and very fervently in our prayers, that you may be led by the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all your deliberations, and for consecrated hands and hearts and means to carry on the work of our Master.

Second, we assure you of our hearty, sympathy and co-operation in all such measures as the Spirit may approve. Third. The attitude of our meeting at this time seems to be, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do," and we feel that the time has not come to try new modes of work. Therefore we decide in favor of annual meetings of the W. G. M. S., and also in favor of the minutes being published in pamphlet form and not in the July number of MAGAZINE.

Fourth. We earnestly request some aid from the general funds to sustain a lady missionary for missionary work in our cities, as we have perhaps more large cities within, the bounds of our Presbytery than any other Presbytery in the church such as Kansas City, Kan., Kansas City, Mo., Topeka, Atchison, Leaventhworth, St. Joseph, Lawrence, &c. If the Women's Board could appropriate say $250 or $300 as requested by presbytery the ladies missionary societies and the young people's societies would supply whatever was necessary for her support. and they have agreed to do this. The missionary would labor in each of these cities, under the direction of the congregation or pastor, three or four months. Others could then take up the work and carry it on, when the appointed missionary would go to another city. This would have too advantages, namely: the work would be begun, and new missionaries trained in the work.

One thing more: Some of our good sisters suggested I would ask in my letter, why not meet in Chicago in 1893? Many in the central and western part of the Church, could attend who may never be able to meet in the society, even as visitors, if held east of that city.

That the blessing of God may rest on you most abundantly is the prayer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Kansas City Presbytery.

MRS. M. A. BARNES, Pres.

The deferred business of the blanks prepared by a committee was explained by Mrs. Reid. On motion of Mrs. Campbell, amended by Miss Brown, this society was authorized to publish these blanks with an amendment which shall give a column each to Orphan's Home, Children's Memorial Hospital and Aged People's Home, under the heading of Women's Association Work.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. W. W. Barr:

The Executive Committee and the officers of the present Convention, unite in asking the Women's General Missionary Society to authorize the Women's Board to pay the necessary traveling expenses of the foreign missionaries in attending this meeting and also the usual contingent expenses connected with the meeting.

Carried.

By request, Mrs. Rudy was excused from reading the paper prepared by Mrs. J. C. Gilmore, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted as amended, as follows:

We, the women of the United Presbyterian church, assembled inconvention in the 8th church, Philadelphia, feeling the responsibilities placed upon us by the Head of the church, and rejoicing in our gospel privileges and blessings, do adopt the following resolutions:

I. That we give thanks to God for the unprecedented success in all the departments of our work during the past year. Believing that greater things are yet in store, may our cry be "more grace and a holier consecration."

II. That we emphasize the resolution adopted one year ago against opening the World's Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath; and the sale of intoxicating liquors within its walls, and that our earnest protest be forwarded by our President and Secretary to the proper authorities to act in this matter. And further it is our judgment that if this request be denied, the Christian people should in every way withdraw their patronage, and that this convention assembled in Philadelphia send this resolution to Congress as a petition, asking that the appropriation be withheld from the World's Fair unless they agree to close the gates on the Sabbath day.

III. That we earnestly oppose the liquor traffic and hold that the Christian war cry is no quarter to rum;" that our hearty support and prayers be pledged to those who are engaged in subduing this giant evil.

IV. As mothers and sisters we sound alarm on the social condition of to-day. We earnestly protest against the laxity surrounding the marriage relation, both as to the careless manner of entering it and the godless mode of releasement from its bonds.

V. That we express our hearty thanks to our MAGAZINE committee for their untiring efforts, and assure them of our cordial sympathy and support.

VI. That our prayers, sympathies and financial aid go out to suffering Russia.

VII. That we extend greetings to the C. Y. P. convention to meet at East Liverpool, May 12, also to the General Assembly to convene at Allegheny, May 25.

VIII. That we heartily commend those who have so faithfully served us during the past year and assure each of them that the Master will more abundantly reward.

That we express our gratitude to those who secured reduced rates for us, also to railroads and

transportation companies for the courteous kindness and substantial advantages given.

X. That by a rising vote we assure the kind friends of Philadelphia Presbytery, under the leadship of Mrs. Barr, of our sincere thanks for their kind and hospitable treatment, and remind them that Jesus said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." That we extend our thanks to the pages and choir for the valuable services rendered; that as the Women's Board have labored so faithfully, efficiently and successfully in the past, we most heartily and sincerely thank them for their services.

Memorial Resolutions.

1. Whereas, The kindness of God is great in bestowing life and in preserving it, and

Whereas, He has been specially merciful to us during the past year, in that so far as reported He has called home but twenty-nine of our companions, and

Whereas, He has caused no break in our ranks abroad, and that our foreign workers, although some have apparently been near the "crossing over," are all spared to the church and the field, and

Whereas, We firmly believe that in all this God has wrought specially to our joy and encouragement, Therefore be it resolved,

1. That we extend sympathy to Monongahela Presbytery because of her loss, sixteen in number, that being two-thirds of all reported deaths, and to the other Presbyteries which have felt the dark angel's presence.

2. That we reioice in the Master's kindness as shown to the remainder of the home and entire foreign field.

3. That we hold our lives in readiness for the great call, for verily it is true that "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." "Be ye also ready" is the Divine admonition.

Mrs. J. W. Ashwood,
Miss Emma D. Anderson,
Mrs. J. B. Carruthers,
Mrs. John Reid.

The Minutes were read and adopted as corrected.

Parting service, conducted by Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter.

Benediction by Rev. W. W. Barr, D. D., closed the deliberations of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Collection amounted to $46.70, to be placed in Contingent Fund of the Woman's General Missionary Society.

Adjourned to meet in Omaha, Neb., May, 1893.

Mrs. Anna H. McCrory, Pres.
Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Sec'y.

Report of Recording Secretary.

Of Board of Directors of the W. G. M. S. for the Year Ending April 15, 1892.

Mary W. Porter, Sec'y.

In accordance with the by-laws governing the Women's General Missionary Society, your Board of Directors, through their Recording Secretary, offer their annual statistical report. The review of the ninth year of our organization as a Women's Missionary Society will show that we have great cause for gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father in blessing in so signal a manner the earnest, united efforts of the women of our church. We would also acknowledge His care and protection in guarding the lives and health of the individual members of the Board, in that the work has not been hindered by the loss of any our number. The shadow of death has crossed the threshold of two of our sisters, a father and mother having been called to their heavenly home.

The Board was re-organized at a regular meeting held June 9, 1891, by the election of the following officers to serve for one year:

President, Mrs. Anna R. Herron; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. E. Jane McPherson; 2d Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Mary B. Reid; Secretary of Home Missions, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell; Secretary of Freedmen's Missions, Dr. C. Jane Vincent.

The Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth J. Sloan, and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, having been elected by the General Missionary Society, May, 1891, in compliance with the rules governing the society, the Treasurer gave

bonds in the sum of $5,000, and the Secretary was sworn.

We take pleasure in stating that the most encouraging results have been realized from the very systematic method lately adopted in the carrying on of the work, which has grown to such proportions in every department that the hours ordinarily set apart for business meetings have often not been sufficient to properly transact the business pertaining thereto. That the interest keeps pace with the work is demonstrated by the summary compiled from the blanks which were sent to the presbyterial recording secretaries on February 23, 1892. There were, of course, some mistakes and delays, occasioned mainly by the change of address of secretaries, and the changes made by some societies in their methods of doing business, the corresponding secretaries making the report instead of the recording secretaries as formerly, but with a little patience and much writing the report is as nearly complete as we can hope to have it. Of the 59 presbyteries in the General Society 58 were represented. The number of members *only* of the one failing to report being given, societies as well as presbyteries being carried at least two years without report. The following amounts have been contributed during the year:

Foreign Missions	$14,875
Home "	7,669
Freedmen's "	4,119
Church Extension	4,513
Ministerial Relief	667
Women's Association Work	2,455
New material for boxes	1,313
District Work	7,083
Contingent Expenses	4,082
Total	$45,726
Value of 401 boxes	6,917
Making grand total	$52,643

An increase over last year's report of contributions of $3,691. Cleveland presbytery, whose report was received too late to be printed in the summary, is included in these amounts.

Presbyteries represented	58
Presbyterial associations	51
Number of societies	888
" " members	20,757
" " MAGAZINES reported	4,807

One new presbyterial society, Northwestern Iowa; sixteen congregational societies.

Over $700 of Thank-offering having been reported in the blanks, as well as other items, in order to prevent disappointment when the report is printed in detail, we would again say that none of these items are included in this report; it only includes sums contributed to the objects mentioned in the headings of the blanks. In changing the heading, "Orphan's Home," to "Women's Association Work," it was hoped that it would be readily understood to mean the three charitable objects under the care of the women of the church, namely, Orphan's Home, Memorial Hospital and Aged People's Home, but inquiries are still received from secretaries asking for explanation of this heading, as well as that of district work and others. A suggestion, which has been offered by our Oregon sisters, and which has been endorsed and recommended by your Board of Directors, reads as follows:

Will you permit me to suggest that I think a small hand-book would be convenient containing a form of presbyterial constitution and by-laws, and full instructions as to what moneys should be reported in blanks, how to proceed should the societies wish to devote their contributions to a *special* use—say the education of a native, &c., &c. There is a great deal of information which would be very useful to new societies, that might be arranged in a hand-book with very little expense, and to those societies situated so far from the head center it would be a great help indeed. A few *general* suggestions as to how funds should be applied would help to decide many vexed questions. Of course, now and again these items of information are given in THE MAGAZINE, but we do not always have that at hand, either are our memories infallible, hence the convenience of the book.

Pardon the liberty I have taken.

Sincerely yours in missionary work,

MRS. HENRIETTA BROWN,
Secretary, pro tem.

By a resolution of your Board of Directors, held May 7, 1892, your Secretary is authorized to ask for the sense of the convention on this suggestion from Oregon.

A review of the work of the Board for the year ending April 15, 1892, will show that the foreign work includes the support of the regular missionaries, as well as the medical work. Four new missionaries, with support assured, have been sent out by the Board to India, and two are in course of preparation in response to appeals from Egypt.

Home work has provided for the missions at home, the most important transactions being that of the Warm Springs Indian Mission, Oregon. Women home missionaries are being supported in the cities of Indianapolis, Omaha, and Sinemasho, Oregon. Salt Lake City is also provided for financially whenever a missionary can be found to undertake this field.

The Freedmen's work includes the educational and industrial institutions at Chase City and Norfolk, Va., Henderson, N. C., and Millersburg, Ala.

In all departments of this work improvements have been made and regular monthly reports are received by the Board. Church Extension and Parsonage Fund has been used to build parsonages and give congregations a chance to free themselves of debt, besides providing comfortable homes for the missionary and his wife in the far West, who are often farther from the comforts of life than if they were in the foreign field. Many churches, financially weak, have availed themselves of this fund. The Home Secretary formerly had charge of this work in connection with the home work, but the increasing business attending the issuing and caring for notes, mortgages, etc., demanded a separate secretary. Mrs. T. J. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh, was elected to this position. The claims of Cooper Memorial College having been presented by Rev. Garges, of Kansas, the Board voted $1,000 for use of this institution.

Appeals having come from different parts of the church for leaflets, the General Missionary Society at its last meeting authorized the Board to appoint a Literature Committee, which consists of Mrs. Mary B. Reid and Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, to take charge of the publishing of leaflets and securing such as would be helpful for the work.

In accordance with a resolution, adopted by the General Assembly, that a committee of six, consisting of Revs. J. T. Brownlee, D. D., W. W. Barr, D. D., D. F. McGill and J. B. Lee, D. D., Elders John H. Murdock, Esq., J. J. Porter, be appointed to confer with the Women's Board to more clearly define the relation of the Women's Board to the General Assembly and to the other boards, in keeping with the foregoing recommendations, a meeting was held in Pittsburgh October 20, 1891, and was a pleasant and amicable one. The results now presented for your consideration are embodied in the following recommendations:

1. That the present charter of the Women's General Missionary Society shall be so amended that the society shall be under the control and direction of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

The property, real and personal, of said society shall be held by it *in trust* for the United Presbyterian Church and, in the event of the dissolution of the society, shall inure to the trustees of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to be appropriated by them to the objects and uses for which it was contributed.

In the discussion which followed the reading, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Herron, Mrs. Thomas Stewart and Mrs. Gordon took part. On motion by Mrs. J. B. Lee the action of the Board in regard to this resolution was endorsed.

2. That the by-laws of the society shall be so amended that at the annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society suitable nominations shall be made of women to serve as directors of said society and submitted to the next succeeding meeting of the General Assembly, and if the nominations so made and submitted shall be approved by the General Assembly, the names of the persons thus nominated shall be presented to the corporation for election.

Discussed by Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Littell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Duff, Miss Wallace and Miss Morrow. On motion by Mrs. J. B. Lee the action of the Board in regard to the 2d resolution, was endorsed.

3. The relation of the Women's Board to the other Boards of the Church is understood to be auxiliary. It has, therefore, properly charge of such matters as may, from time to time, be committed to it by any of the Boards or by the General Assembly.

Discussed by Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter' Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Littell, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Stewart and Miss J. B. Wallace. On motion by Mrs. McConnell the action of the Board regarding this, the 3d resolution, was endorsed.

4. As the General Assembly of 1889 (see minutes, page 220, resolution 2) transfered the management of the medical work in foreign ffelds to the Women's Board, the following rules should govern the relations with the Board of Foreign Missions:

1. The Women's Board may, from time to time, as there shall be need, nominate to their Board of Foreign Missions for appointment by said Board, suitable persons to be employed as medical missionaries. The missionaries, when thus appointed, shall be subject to the rules of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the missionary associations, as other missionaries are; it being understood that the entire expense of the medical work shall be provided for by the Women's Board. That this may be done, the missionary associations shall be instructed to send separate estimates of the whole expense of the medical work directly to the Women's Board, and the said Board may, if they so desire, remit direct to the missionary associations for the same, *exclusive* of the salaries.

2. In cases in which the support of other female missionaries is provided by the Women's Board, said Board may nominate to the Board of Foreign Missions for appointment suitable persons for the work. When these missionaries shall have been formally appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions they shall be subject to the rules of the said Board and of the missionary associations in the foreign field, and the salaries shall be paid through the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion of Mrs. Lee the action of the Board regarding this, the 4th resolution, was endorsed.

The following invitation has been received from Los Angeles, California:

The ladies of the Los Angeles Women's Presbyterial Missionary Society earnestly invite the Women's General Missionary Society to meet in Los Angeles, Cal., May, 1893. Signed,

MRS. H. W. CRABBE, Pres.
MISS A. J. BOONE, Sec'y.

Eighteen life members have been received during the year ending April 15:

1891.

1. Mrs. Mary B. Reid,
2. Mrs. R. J. Taggart,
3. Mrs. A. P. Burchfield,
4. Mrs. Jean S. Sands.
5. Miss Sarah Dennison,
6. Mr. Wm. R. Ford,
7. Mrs. Wm. R. Ford,
8. Mr. David Blair,
9. Mrs. David Blair,

1892.

10. Mr. J. J. Porter,
11. Mrs. J. J. Porter.
12. Mrs. Harvey Bell,
13. Miss E. D. Brown,
14. Mrs. Jane G. Dysart,
15. Mrs. J. M. Brown,
16. Mrs. M. Patterson,
17. Miss Jennie Wallace,
18. Mrs. I. W. Grier.

Two have been received since the close of the fiscal year:

1. Mrs. Geo. B. Hill,
2. Mrs. J. D. Sands.

The terms of office of Mrs. Mary Samson, Allegheny; Mrs. Agnes K. Duff, Allegheny; Mrs. J. M. Wallace, Pittsburg; Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Pittsburg, and Miss E. D. Brown, Pittsburg, expire with this meeting.

The secretary wishes to explain a clerical error made two years ago and which, trifling as it may seem, has given rise to grave remarks. In recording the names of the five women recommended for election to the Board of Directors by the convention of May, 1890, at Washington, Iowa, the secretary, in sending the names to be published, took the group of five names whose terms of office would expire the following year, and was consequently at the head of the roll, instead of the five newly elected by recommendation of the society, thus creating the impression that your Board of Directors receive instructions to do one thing and in executive session do another, an impression which your secretary is most anxious to remove, and, while regretting the error, a satisfactory explanation would have been given to any desiring it, on request.

We are now entering on the tenth year of our work as a Women's Missionary Society. The years that have passed have been blessed with grand results and a steady increase in our number; from 10,593 members reported in 1883 we this year report almost double that number. Let us thank God for past mercies, and while entreating his favor for the future, resolve, individually and collectively, by earnest, prayerful effort in every department of our work, to make, with His blessing, the tenth year of our organization a white stone in the temple of W. M. S. of the U. P. Church.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF

Women's General Missionary Society.

Treasurer's statement of receipts and disbursements by Board of Directors, for the year ending April 15, 1892.

	Cash Balance Apr. 16, 1891.	Receipts.	TOTAL.	Disbursed.	Cash Balance Apr. 16, 1892.	Overdrawn.
Life Membership	$ 290 00	$ 425 00	$ 715 00	$ 75 00	$ 640 00	
Legacies	150 00		150 00		150 00	
Foreign Missions—General	6,514 01	3,860 86	10,374 87	4,585 21	5,789 66	
Foreign Missions—Special	50 00	2,786 47	2,836 47	2,836 47		
Foreign—Salaries	2,056 48	8,447 60	10,504 08	8,700 00	1,804 08	
Dr. Johnson's Hospital	427 08	210 00	637 08	11 70	625 38	
Dr. White's Memorial Hospital		290 50	290 50	290 50		
Home Missions	4,575 19	6,180 22	10,755 41	4,640 69	6,114 72	
Warm Springs Indian Mission	10,720 76	1,227 86	11,948 62	5,444 68	6,503 94	
Freedmen's Mission		3,519 20	3,519 20	2,327 06	1,192 14	
Little Girls' Home, Tenn	124 31	687 05	811 36	614 00	197 36	
Little Boys' Home, Tenn		458 95	148 95		148 95	
Norfolk, Freedmen	79 89	200 50	280 39	154 89	125 50	
Chase City Industrial Home		238 45	238 45	165 00	73 45	
Church Extension and Parsonage		3,929 75	3,929 75	6,200 00		2,270 25
Church Extension—Special	29 00	615 86	644 86	630 86	14 00	
Ministerial Relief	5 00	531 02	536 02	536 02		
Orphans' Home, Allegheny		366 16	366 16	366 16		
Children's Memorial Hospital		129 03	129 03	129 03		
Aged People's Home		1,057 92	1,057 92	1,057 92		
Contingent Fund	140 06	1,016 49	1,156 55	787 41	369 14	
	$25,161 78	$35,868 89	$61,030 67	$39,552 60	$23,748 32	$ 2,270 25

PITTSBURG, May 9, 1892.

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit the account of Miss E. J. Sloan, treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society, of the United Presbyterian church, of North America, would respectfully report that they have examined the books and find the annexed statement to be correct.

C. H. DEAN,
GEORGE M. PADEN,
Auditing Committee.

The Annual Report of Contingent fund of Women's General Missionary Society and Board of Directors.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 16, 1891	$140 06	
Received from collection, Pittsburg, Pa	151 89	
Received from Presbyterials	57 25	
Sale of Stamps and Verona Cook Book at W. G. M. S.	2 95	
Sale of Mission Band Helper	23 50	
Sale of Thank-offering Envelopes	17 17	
Sale of Rules of Order	6 00	
Designated from Thank-offering for publishing Minutes	5 00	
Restored from Freedmen's Mission	620 52	
Transfer of Traveling Expenses	18 00	
Fines paid by Members of the Board	2 90	
Interest on bank deposits	111 31	$1,156 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Stationary and Printing	111 25	
Traveling expenses of Officers and Missionaries	91 00	
Printing reports for General Assembly	22 45	
Printing Statistics	157 50	
Publishing Minutes	258 19	
Desk for the Board	32 00	
Mite boxes and labels	9 25	
To the Janitor	25 00	
Seal, wafers and stamp	6 50	
Committee preparing leaflets	50 00	
Books, stationary and postage for Treasurer	5 67	
Other contingencies	18 60	$ 787 41
Balance on hand April 16, 1892		$ 369 14

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. SLOAN, Treasurer.

This report is included in General Treasurer's report, but itemized here for convenient reference.

Report of the United Presbyterian Women's Association.

A little more than thirteen years ago, a Christian mother lay upon her death bed. She was a member of the Fourth United Presbyterian church, of Allegheny, Pa., and her dying request to her pastor (Rev. J. M. Fulton, D. D.) was that he would place her children in United Presbyterian homes. This was no easy matter, but the trust was a sacred one, and in securing homes among the members of the United Presbyterian, church the question came up again and again, "Why not establish a Home for the orphan and friendless children of our beloved church?

A call went out from the Fourth church, Allegheny, asking the women of the United Presbyterian church of Pittsburg and Allegheny to meet in the above named church on October 9, 1878. The number present was not large, but they were deeply interested and very much in earnest. After discussing the matter in all its bearings, and seeking guidance from Him who "giveth wisdom to all men liberally and upbraideth not," they determined to organize an Association whose *first* object should be to establish a Home for the orphan and friendless children of our church.

These earnest Christian woman little knew the work before them. The women of our church were not organized then as now. There were no Presbyterial societies to appeal to and no Women's Board to lend money. Without *one cent* in the treasury, but seeking the help of Him who has promised "to relieve the fatherless and widow," and who has also told us that "The silver and gold are His," they elected a Board of Managers after preparing and adopting a constitution. The next step was to secure a matron and rent a suitable house. They planned wisely and well.

At one of their meetings it was decided "that any person could become a member of this Association by the payment of one dollar annually." "Any person may become a life member of this Association by the payment of *twenty* dollars at any one time." "Any person may become a life director of this Association by the payment of one hundred dollars at any one time." A yearly member has the privilege of attending all the meetings of the Association, taking part in all discussion and voting upon all questions presented. A life member has all the privileges of a yearly member during life. A life director has, in addition to all the privileges of a life member, the right to attend all the meetings of any Board of Managers under the care of the Association and to discuss all questions presented, without voting. We have at present 69 life directors and 194 life members. The Association meets monthly, alternating in the United Presbyterian churches of Pittsburg, Allegheny and vicinity, and has under its care the Orphan's Home, Childrens' Memorial Hospital, and Home for the Aged.

After the Orphans' Home had been well established and free from debt, the Association decided to build a hospital for the Orphan's Home children who might need its care and shelter. For a long time before we took up the hospital work, we saw its necessity. We have usually a family of between fifty and sixty children in the Orphans' Home. All old enough attend the public schools. When one child took the measles, chicken-pox, or any other childish contagious disease, the school law forbade *any* child from the Home attending school. This meant a great deal to our matron and the school life of our children. Now when they take ill, they are sent at once to the hospital by the attending physician and placed under medical care.

We are glad to tell you that our hospital, too, is free from debt. During the years the Association was busy with the work of the Orphans' Home and Memorial Hospital, the members were in receipt of letters from all over our church urging us to establish a home for our aged people. The subject came before us many times before any action was taken. At length, early in 1890, after carefully and prayerfully considering the matter, it was unanimously agreed that a Home for the Aged of the United Presbyterian Church of North America be established.

From the very first our Heavenly Father has set His seal of divine approval upon this work, and although He has led us "in ways that we knew not," we have never doubted His loving care and guidance.

And now let us see what has been accomplished by the United Presbyterian Women's Association:—a Home which has sheltered hundreds of our friendless and orphaned children; a well appointed hospital for their relief and care and property valued at $42,000 entirely free from debt. Also, the Board of Managers of Home for the Aged have $16,000 with which they can make a payment on suitable property. But better than all this, the United Presbyterian Women's Association has done a work that cannot be measnred by dollars and cents. The Christian fellowship which we have enjoyed while we labored together these many years, the loving Christian harmony that has always existed among us, and the growth we have made in the divine life, are no small part of the work of this Association.

The Orphans' Home being the first work undertaken by the Association, we take pleasure in presenting to you a report from it, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. F. Reed.

The Orphans' Home.

We have nothing very new to report concerning our Orphan's Home work since last May, when we were permitted to welcome the members of the Women's Convention. The same round of duties have been performed by the matron and her assistants. The managers have held their regular Board meetings monthly, and these meetings are always well attended and full of interest, seldom requiring less than three and often four hours to transact the business, so thoroughly do they try to attend to the work in all its details. Many cases of slight, and some cases of very serious, illness have occurred during the year, requiring hospital care and treatment, but we record with heartfelt gratitude the fact that not one of our children have been removed by death, and our number at present in the Home is sixty. Thirty children have been admitted out of sixty-three applications. Of these, seventeen were motherless; ten fatherless, and five were orphans.

The most helpless being in the world is a man when death enters his home and takes from it the mother of his children, leaving him to fill that mother's care to his little ones. Many instances of such cases come under our eye where the father struggles bravely to keep the home and children together but fails for the lack of a reliable housekeeper. Heart-sick at the sight of his neglected little ones as he returns night after night from his daily toil, he gives up the effort longer to maintain a home and turns in his distress to the Home *his church* has provided to shelter such motherless ones, happy in the consciousness that there they will receive the loving care and training that it is impossible for him to give. Gladly he pays for their support so that he may retain his ownership of them.

Two of those admitted were given to

us absolutely by a dying mother whose life had been made wretched by a drunken husband. In her youth this mother had been a member of one of our Pittsburgh churches, but her unfortunate marriage had redneed her from a life of comfort and usefulness to one of poverty and misery. Sickness, sorrow and abuse had broken down her health and consumption followed. A noble, Christian woman, who had long been a constant worker in the Relief Society, Allegheny, found this family living in filth in a room, two stories below the street, and at the earnest request of this dying mother hastened to procure the necessary papers in order that she might sign them, making us their guardians and our Home their abiding place.

One of the five orphans received during the year has been legally adopted and another has gone to a Christian family in Armstrong county on trial. If she proves satisfactory she too will be adopted.

The little girl from the Ellison congregation, Media, Ill., who has been with us three years, returned to Illinois a few weeks ago to make her home with a sister, who having married has now a home to offer her. The lameness with which she was afflicted when she came was much relieved. She could walk and even run like other children, and her general health was wonderfully improved. She had learned much, not only in school but in household duties, thus fitting her to be useful wherever she went.

A dear child of eight years who left us several years ago for a beautiful home in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, has been returned to us because of the death of her foster mother, whom she mourns as though she were her own. During her sojourn with these good people she experienced the tenderest care, and would have been reared in comfort and taught all that was ennobling. It will be a sore trial to her to go out again among strangers and learn to love others, but *such* are the trials through which some of these dear children of sorrow have to pass.

From Iowa we hear that our little Clyde is growing nicely, has never had a single day's sickness during the two years and a half he has been in the West. His present mother writes: "He is an unusually bright child and learns well, has attended school for four months the past winter. He can read quite well and can work out a number of examples in arithmetic. He is very fond of his books and loves to have us read to him. He has a remarkable memory, often speaks of the home and remembers many of the children. A sweeter child I have never met." How different would have been this dear child's lot if he had not been given to the Home when bereft of father and mother four years ago, and this is only *one* out of many others who have been the better for its shelter.

Never did we enjoy such a year of lavish gifts. God's abundant harvest throughout our land brought to our Home such gifts of fruit and vegetables never before known. The shelves of our pantry groaned under the weight of cans and jars of fruit and butters, with countless glasses of jelly, and our children never wanted for an apple, which is such a luxury for schoolboys. These good things came from *all over* our land, and we would desire here to return our sincere thanks to missionary societies and individuals who have so kindly remembered us, and, should our Heavenly Father permit you the coming autumn to gather like bountiful harvest, please don't forget your Orphan's Home and the sixty children beneath its roof who so much enjoy such luxuries.

In June a rare treat was afforded our Home children by the friend of the orphans in these two cities (Mrs. J. M.

Guskey) in the way of an excursion up the Monongahela river. The boat was gorgeously decorated with flags and bunting and crowded with hundreds of children gathered from the orphan's homes and asylums of both cities. There was music all day and an abundant supply of the choicest provisions for all; not only meats, chickens, bread, butter, rolls, etc., but ice cream and pies in profusion, cakes, fruit and candy, lemonade by the hogshead and peanuts by the bushel. Rarely do you find a happier set of children.

The home depends largely for support on the revenue realized from our reception and bazar, held every December, and as the summer is a time when both young and old make much fancy work while resting at places of resort, we would ask that you please employ some of your leisure hours in making pretty articles for our fancy table next winter, or some aprons for our common sense table. In this way both these tables will be made more attractive, and you will also be doing work for the blessed Master while resting from the labors of your homes.

June 23 has been fixed upon as Donation Day this year, and we wish you could all be present with your words of encouragement as well as with your offerings.

Owing to the wonderful hospitality of our country churches, summer homes were provided for all our children, and during August the Home *was closed*, permitting not only the children, but their many care-takers, opportunity for rest and recreation. We hope this year for the same number of invitations for July and August.

One of the greatest needs of the Home is a good library, in order to cultivate a taste for reading and give our children employment on stormy Saturdays and long winter evenings. In response to our appeal in our annual report, we have received nice donations of books from the State of Indiana and elsewhere, besides a check from a missionary society in Ohio. With this we decided to establish a library fund, and have appointed Mrs. G. W. McDonald, of 43 Nixon street, Allegheny, treasurer; and will not the delegates here make a note of *this* and please tell of it when you return home, and endeavor to enlist the young in their churches in this good work? A handsome case has been donated to us by a lady of Allegheny, and now we want to fill it as soon as possible, so that not only will their bodily wants be well supplied but also their minds and hearts.

We read that "sacrifices burned on Jewish altars were not wasted." Neither are our sacrifices of time or money wasted if made for Him who has given His life for us. Therefore as we have freely received so let us freely give of our *all* to Christ and His cause, and when our labors are ended we shall receive from Him the welcome of faithful servants. Respectfully submitted,

M. F. REED, Cor. Sec'y.

The United Presbyterian Memorial Hospital for Children is the *second* work undertaken by the Association, and we herewith present a report from it, prepared by the Secretary, Mrs. Jean S. Sands:

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

We come to-day to present to you the third report of our Children's Memorial Hospital, and as we stand on the dividing line between the third and fourth years of our work, it is with thankful hearts that we tell you of some of the work that has been accomplished. Last year we reported to you that 59 children had been admitted for care and treatment. This year, 109 have been cared for. Our work loses none of its interest, and we feel sure many a little suffering child, could it express itself as it would,

would tell you of the loving care and attention it received while it was under our roof.

Some months ago a little boy was sent to us by the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania from Warren County. He was a very delicate little fellow and was suffering from enlarged knee-joint and was quite lame. We were obliged to "build him up" before the physician could operate on the knee. He was six years old, and while with us was very patient and cheerful. He was with us several months, and during all that time no one belonging to him ever came to inquire for him. We dismissed him much improved but very sad hearted because he had to leave.

We have with us at present a little boy who has been suffering with hip joint disease. When he came to us he was unable to walk, (assisted with his crutches,) without great pain. He was operated on before Christmas and is still in bed. The physicians think he will be much improved when he is able to be about.

We have just dismissed a little girl who has been very ill with pneumonia. She was in bed for almost three months and was so low that the physicians gave us no hope of her recovery. But God blessed the means used, and we praise His name that since our last report to you we have had no deaths. We could tell you of many more interesting cases, but we hasten.

Last November it was thought best to increase the number of physicians on the staff. We now have Drs. Vincent, King, Voigt, Mabon, McNaugher and Ure. Each physician visits two months in succession, and we desire to make mention of their faithfulness. They come to us cheerfully and promptly and at all times and seasons. They give their valuable time, skill and labor "without money and without price."

About three months ago the matron, who had been with us since the Hospital opened its doors, resigned, and we have elected Miss S. J. J. Leet, of Washington, Pa., to fill the vacancy, and she has entered upon her duties.

In our last report to you we told you that there were some beds unprovided for, and asked you to remember this work. It is with grateful hearts we tell you that *every bed* in the hospital has been taken. From letters received we find a very deep interest has been awakened, and we regret very much to be obliged to reply so often, "no more beds to give away." An article in the April number of our MAGAZINE gives the names of the societies and bands providing beds. The managers hope the mission bands and societies will not lose their interest in this good work because all the beds have been provided for. We still need your help.

During the past year our hospital has been at times so much crowded that we were sometimes at a loss to know just what to do. The enlargement of the building seems to be a necessity, and at a late meeting of the Association we were instructed to ask our friends throughout the church for contributions for a building fund. The Verona Mission Band, of Verona, Pa., has already sent us five dollars for this object and is the first contributor to it. We hope every band and society throughout the church will bear this part of the Master's work in mind and send us a contribution.

Several months ago the managers decided to create a "Milk Fund," as we have learned that indivuals and societies take a deeper interest when they know just how their money is being used. Our Treasurer reported at our last meeting that she had received by mail a new two dollar bill folded neatly in a piece of paper on which was written, "For the Milk Fund." The unknown donor has our hearty thanks. We hope the boys and girls in our mission bands and Sab-

bath-schools will *often* think of the boys and girls in our hospital, who sometimes get no other food for weeks but milk.

The workers throughout the church are realizing that the work done in the hospital is not local in its character and seem determined that the interest and gifts shall not be diminished. During the past year donations of money and useful articles have come to us from South Kortright, Salem and Argyle, N. Y., and from Greely, Col., comes the kind inquiry, "We would like to provide for a bed. Have you any left?"

And now, in conclusion, we desire to thank you, and through you the societies which you represent, very heartily for your kind remembrance of this work during the past year. Never before in our history have the gifts been so lavish and appropriate; and as you go to your homes and look with joy into the bright healthy faces of the children whom God has given you, may your thoughts sometimes turn to the little suffers in our Children's Memorial Hospital, and may they have a place in your prayers and your offerings.

The "Home for the Aged" is the *third* work undertaken by our Association, and it gives me pleasure to present to you a report of the work accomplished, prepared by the Secretary, Mrs. D. R. Bryce.

Home for Aged People.

One year is numbered with the past in our work for the Home for Aged People since our last report. Then a home had been purchased on Center avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., and plans were being prepared for remodeling the building, when the memorable carpenters' strike stopped further work for several months, and during that time there were enough applicants for the Home to fill all the rooms. The necessity for changing the location was seen before any expense was put on the building, as the lot was not large enough to erect an addition to it. Thus the carpenters' strike proved a blessing in our work.

The committee appointed by the Association on ways and means took up the work again and started out to find another location. They spent much time and labor in all kinds of weather to secure the desired end, when two of the committee could no longer continue the labor on account of impaired health. Then a committee was appointed by the Board of the Home for Aged People, who have been on the lookout since last February. In that time many locations have been visited, but always some obstacle was in the way. Two lots were recommended as being very desirable, nearly one mile from a street railway. A line was assured to be in operation before the building would be completed. After our hopes were raised to the highest point by the agent, the company that has the charter for the road was interviewed and the answer was, "It may be laid in a year or two, and it may never be laid."

Our committee was still on the lookout, and found a beautiful lot of five acres with a house large enough to begin our work. The lawn was in perfect order in every detail. It passed critical inspection by the executive committee. There was an option on it until after the Association would meet. It met and carefully considered the advisability of purchasing the property for $42,500. A vote was unanimous in favor of the site. There was great rejoicing over the beautiful location, for it is in one of the finest parts of Pittsburg. We felt our Home had everything to be desired to begin with, so far as the ground for the building went. It was but a few hours until the executive committee learned that during the meeting of the Association the owner sold it, realizing $5,500 more on the property. Oh, how our hearts sank within us when we knew of

our defeat. On second thought we felt it was for some wise purpose. The work is the Lord's and he will guide us. The way seems long and our hearts at times grow faint, but He who ruleth the universe can, and will, guide us in the right direction, be it ever so slow.

Rev. J. W. Young, of Jefferson, Pa., offered to donate two acres of ground if the Association would erect the Home on it. Mr. Wm. Pollock, of Cannonsburg, offered to donate two acres for the same purpose. A site was also offered to us in Oxford, Philadelphia. These kind offers the Association was obliged to decline, as they were all too far away for the Board to take charge of the work. The Association return sincere thanks, with many regrets, that they could not be accepted and used as desired.

The 6th of the present month our Treasurer had a balance of $16,244.52, and when the Center avenue property is sold we will realize $3,500 on it, making our cash account amount to $16,744.52.

Since our Board was organized 21 persons have applied for a home. One of these an aged man has been called to the home prepared for the children of God.

We know delegates are expected to be present at this meeting, from all over the United States, and they will return to their respective societies and report the work that has been done. We sincerely hope they will not carry with them the impression that there has not been enough effort put forth or a site for the Home would have been secured. It is an easy matter to buy a lot, but not so easy to find one that will in every way be suitable for our work in years to come. One lady, who promised $1,000 for the Home, entertained that feeling, and one day, through the providence of God, she was in company with, and expressed herself to, one who is familiar with all the work and well able to explain the difficulties and disappointments the committee meet with. She did not wait to see the ground purchased and workmen on the building, and she did not send her check for the promised $1,000, but sent her check for $3,000, so well satisfied was she that the greatest consideration was given by those in charge.

We hope our dear sisters will remember the Home for Aged people and respond with liberal hearts, so that when the time comes to use the money we will have it ready. All money received is placed in bank and brings three per cent. interest until used. To all those, either as individuals, or as societies, who have given of their means toward building this Home for the Aged ones, we wish to return our sincere thanks.

MRS. D. K. BRYCE,
Secretary.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Women's Board.

In bringing our report before the women of the church to day, it is with feelings of profound gratitude to God for the favor bestowed upon the Department of Foreign Work during the past year. Though the year has been one of hard work, and over-work to those in the field, and there have been hindrances from sickness and accident, God has mercifully spare every life, and the work has gone steadily on, showing marked advancement, especially among the women. The barriers of caste and prejudice, which for many centuries surrounded the women of Pagan lands, are slowly breaking away, and the women are becoming more and more accessible to the kindly influences of the gospel of Christ,

and never in the history of the mission work of our church were there such grand opportunities for entering in and capturing the strong holds of heathenism, the homes and hearts of the women, as were presented during the past year. This is a work that can be done by women only, and how bravely our two little bands of faithful ones have struggled on, and what they have gained, not in one year but many years, is set forth in the interesting reports that have come to us from India and Egypt. What we have been doing in the home land to help them is shown in the following financial statement:

By balances from April 15, 1891, Thank-offering and contributions, there has been in the Treasury during the past year for foreign work, $24,643, which has been disbursed as follows:

Missionary women	$ 8,700 00
Outfit of four new missionaries	400 00
Traveling expenses of missionaries	1,400 00
Support of Girl's Training Schools, Egypt	695 00
Zenana and native helpers	378 00
Tuition of Sabeb Nasralla	34 00
Tuition Ishac Michiel	11 00
Girls' Boarding School, Sialkot, India	679 10
Zenana work, Bible-readers and native helpers	988 97
Repairs of hospital, new out-buildings	1,600 00
Maintenance of hospital and dispensaries	1,310 00
Surgical instruments	181 70
Miscellaneous specials	46 11
Balance including designated reserve funds and legacies	8,219 12
	$24,643 00

In view of the many mercies and blessings which we have enjoyed during the past year in this highly favored Christian land, dear sisters, let us each ask ourselves whether we have done all that we could to help on the great work of evangelizing the twelve or fifteen millions of people who are depending upon our church for a knowledge of Christ and his great redemption. Please remember that one half, or two-thirds, of these millions are women and children. I wish I could burn into the heart and memory of every woman present, and throughout the church, the solemn thought that these poor, degraded, benighted ones *must perish* unless we send them the means of salvation. They *cannot* come to us, but we shall meet them, a great throng, some day. Will it be ours to hear the Saviour say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me," or will it be the reverse, "Ye visited me not when I was in prison?" We ask you each one to take this thought home with you, and as you lay by in store this year as God hath prospered, forget not the great multitude who are stretching out their hands for the bread of life, *thirsting* for the water of salvation.

The feature of last year's work to which we wish to direct your special attention, is the enlarged list of missionary women supported by this society. The year previous it stood 14, and now it reads 18. Those who were present at the last Convention, and those who read carefully the minutes of that meeting, will remember an urgent appeal from India for four new missionary women. Not long after the close of the Convention, a kind letter was received from the good Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions proposing co-operation, in sending out as soon as possible, the much needed reinforcements. Plans were quickly set in motion with the result that early in October, four strong, vigorous and earnest Christian young women helped to make up the largest missionary party that our church has sent out at one time. Word comes to us occasionally that these young women are making good progress in the language, and very soon they will be able to assume some responsibilities. *With these responsibilities* will come some increase in expenses. This should be expected and provision made for it. I have always had faith to believe that as work was being done, and the calls came for needed help, the women of our church *would* respond, for we are not working half up to our abilities yet.

This year an urgent call comes from

Egypt—"*We* want four new missionary women." Because of the of the broken health of some and expectant changes, these missionaries are sadly needed. Your Board has promised them two. One has already received her appointment, and it is hoped that arrangements will soon be completed so that two can be gotten ready to go out in the early autumn. We ask you to endorse the action of the Board by increased contributions for this object. While India is not asking for missionaries as last year, it is calling for help in another direction; it comes from the department of Medical work. Since Dr. Johnson returned to India, two years ago, she has been working in connection with two dispensaries, 80 miles apart. She has never cared for a hospital as she prefers to spend a part of each year in district or camp work. There has appeared this need, however, in connection with the dispensary work—a few beds where operatic and emergency cases can be properly taken care of. This need is partially set forth in Dr. Johnson's appended report; and Bhera is already provided for, it seems, in a very providential way, but there is some expense to be met in both cases though less than was at first supposed. In the case of Bhera $5,000 has been asked for to buy ground and build an adjoining house in one place, and to convert an abandoned government building into suitable accommodations for both dispensary and wards in the other. I might say that there are already a few hundred dollars in the hands of your Board to meet this need.

Before going further in our report, we ask the Convention's approval of what has already been done; also that it should sanction the raising of funds for the two objects mentioned, namely, the salaries of two new missionaries and money for the rooms and beds in connection with the two dispensaries at Jhelum and Bhera. Carefully prepared reports from Egypt and India are herewith presented:

Women's Work in Egypt.

During the past year God has in many ways shown that the work is His and that He can prosper it, even if they are feeble means that are being used to carry it on. Our unmarried ladies have been few, owing to the absence since the summer vacation of three zealous workers. The married ladies have nobly helped whether in schools or zenana work. Our work in Egypt reaches fifty-two places, extending from Alexandria to Assouan. The classes among whom we labor are various, both as regards religion and their station in life. In Alexandria we have representatives of eight different sects under instruction, but in many of the smaller towns and schools there are only Copts and Protestants. These women and girls are reached by schools, by visiting the homes of the pupils and others, and by Bible women. There are also prayer-meetings for them, Sabbath-schools, and missionary societies. These means, with the preaching of the Word, and visiting by the gentlemen of our number, have been blessed of God, and at the end of 1891, out of 3,475 communicants in our Egyptian church, 1,353 are women. We will speak first of

SCHOOL WORK.

There are twenty-one schools for girls reported this year with an enrollment of 2,132, some of which are supported mainly by American funds and are superintended by missionary ladies. Two of these are boarding schools, one of which, the Pressly Memorial Institute, in Assiout, was superintended by Miss Kyle and Miss Hogg until Miss Kyle was compelled to leave for America in August. After the summer vacation Miss Hogg had the assistance of Miss Work, who proved very helpful in every way. The Assiout ladies have the superintendence of a school built by one of the mem-

bers of our church, who pays all the expenses of it. It is known as "The Kayatt School", from the name of the founder. A Sabbath-school is kept up there as well as in the institute and college and in the original church building, and many of the girls who attend are from good Coptic families, some of the older ones of whom are now scattered in different families in Egypt, to wield an influence for good. The institute has had an attendance of eighty-four paying girls and forty-five free pupils, of whom six were Mohammedans and ninety-one Protestants. Many of the latter class are from towns and villages which are scattered over most of the country south of Cairo as far as Luxor, and these furnish teachers and Bible women as well as wives for evangelists or pastors.

In Cairo there are three schools for girls, one of which is the successor of the one founded by Mrs. McCague. Miss Smith has been the superintendent of this school and the meetings and Bible work connected with it for nearly her whole missionary life, except when absent for health's sake, and only the great day of accounts will reveal all the good she has done in the school and in many a home that is cut off from outside influence. Since her leaving for America in the summer, Mrs. Watson has had charge of the school, the Sabbath-school and other word connected with it. In this school of 307 names there is a larger portion of Mohammedan girls than in any other school, unless it be in the Koolalie, where, out of 299 names enrolled, 181 were Moslems. Unfortunately very often girls of such families are not allowed to remain in school long as they are so much afraid they will learn Christian ideas. This school since Miss Conner left for America has been under Mrs. E. M. Giffin's care. The Cairo boarding-school is under the care of Miss Brown, with a committee, consisting of Mr. John Giffin and wife, to help her. There have been 213 names enrolled, of whom thirty-nine were boarders; five of the whole number were Jewesses, twenty-three Moslems and thirty-five Protestants. The Sabbath-school, the prayer-meetings and missionary society have been kept up as usual, and the girls did themselves credit at the annual examination of the school.

In Monsoora the school is under Miss Strang's care, and out of the 117 pupils only twenty are free. This school, like others, has its meetings, its Sabbath-school, etc.

In Alexandria there are two schools, one of which was founded in the early years of the mission, and the other within two years. These two schools have an efficient corps of teachers, with Miss Frazier as superintendent, and out of an enrollment of 321 there are 190 Jewesses. This is a large number, and that notwithstanding the great effort made by the Jews to keep their girls in their own schools. May we not hope that the Lord has many chosen ones among these who attend our schools, and that the different meetings will be blessed to their salvation.

Of the remaining fifteen schools, one of twenty girls is kept by the wife of the evangelist in Assouan, a town seven hundred miles south from Alexandria. Another is at Keneh, with fifty-three girls; then one in Akhmin, Sidfa, Nakhaley, Moteah, Minya, Senoris, Madineh, Zagazig, Mit. Gamr, Mahalleh and Yanteh. These, with the Kayatt school, are not dependent on mission money for support. There are seventy-six schools for boys, but boys are educated more willingly by their parents because they will thus be able to gain money and position. Girls are often only an expense, and neither the parents or the girls appreciate an education for them.

HAREEM WORK.

There are thirty-three teachers for women in different places, with a reported

number of 577 pupils, besides 598 who are hearers of the truth in their homes. The reports from some of the villages are not full, and it is hard to tell all that is really being done for teaching women to read, or to understand the Bible. In Edfoo the teacher of the school sends his boys to different places in the town to teach, so there are twenty-seven women taking lessons, some of whom read nicely. In Senoris-el-Fayoum a red turbaned elder in the church teaches the women, and he asked that an Arabic Psalm book be given as prizes to ten different women. In Alexandria there are two Bible women under Mrs. Ewing's care who are very faithful, and the Catholics have concluded that house visiting is so important that they have adopted it also.

In Monsoora there is one teacher with twenty-three pupils. In Mit. Gamr there was, for four months, a teacher for fifteen women. It is much harder to get teachers for zenana work than for schools, and many parents refuse to allow their daughters either to go about their own town or live in the house of another in a village. Customs and morals are not always as good here as in more favored America. In Cairo there are eleven women and girls who teach among the houses in five districts of the city. They have an average of 276 pupils. Since my return from America I have been spending my time visiting the women, conducting prayer-meetings, etc., with much to encourage me.

In Assiout there are three faithful hareem teachers, two of whom are blind girls. The women there contributed $7.55 as a small return for the advantages they had received from their lessons, and this sum has been added to the offerings of the missionary society. Miss McKown visits the women as her work, and she notices "an advancement in civilization by having better houses and furniture and fewer slaves; also a more encouraging interest in religion, less desire for controversy on fasting, the Virgin Mary, etc." There are meetings now for Coptic women held in Assiout by two enlightened priests, who read and explain the Scriptures in their own language. "Dr. Watson spent three months of the year in that city, and he was able to visit the members in their own homes, and much good resulted from his labors."

Mrs. Murch has done much during her visiting with her husband among the villages along the Nile, and Mrs. Harvey, later in the year, with the family has visited a great many women in many different places. In one of her letters she spoke of being surprised to find so many women in out of the way places up the Nile who have learned to read, and she thought them very intelligent. She was particularly pleased to hear them sing the Psalms.

Quite a number of villages have been visited by different other ladies. In most of these places their experiences were much the same as the following from the pen of one of the gentlemen: "I had a hard trip to S——— and with the excessive kindness of the people was compelled to eat greasy, high-seasoned food, and came home out of sorts and awfully tired from preaching four sermons, from talking constantly and from lack of sleep." He does not give the reason for lack of sleep, but fleas mosquitoes and other insects can make such visits very hard on body and mind. The intense enjoyment of the people in entertaining a missionary and in listening to what she has to say makes these visits like bright spots in one's experience, and many a struggling village has been helped by them.

PRAYER-MEETINGS.

There are 149 prayer-meetings for women and girls, with a total average attendance of 567 women and 298 girls. These meetings are generally conducted by the native pastors or evangelists in

the villages and by missionary ladies in the cities. They are held in the churches or school rooms, or from house to house. In some of these women can pray lengthy, earnest prayers, while some are taught by the lady in charge to pray single petitions and to pray the Lord's Prayer in concert. Oh, the need there is for a living religion among nominally Christian sects.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

There are seven missionary societies in Egypt, the one in Senoris, with its fifteen members and $8.00 contributions, having been disorganized during the year; one being organized in the Monsoora school toward the end of the year with a membership of twenty-eight, and contributions amounting to $6.00. The total number of members reported in the societies was 271, and the money collected amounted to $209.00. The oldest society, the one in the Haret es Sakkaeen school, has given its subscription $30.00, which went to the support of a worthy Bible teacher, one of their own number, and their thank-offering was $18.00, of which $7.50 was donated to the church in Hoor. In the Esbekieh society $23.00 was contributed, of which $19.00 was paid out to Bible teachers in their own district. In the Koolalic society, $29.00 was collected, which was sent to the Arabian mission, and to our mission in India. Assyoot has the largest society, as it has 83 members, and the contributions amounted to $67.00, which was spent in paying the salaries of zenana workers and in district mission work. The society in Alexandria is two years old, and is in addition to a society in the school which collects money with which to buy books, clothes, etc., for the poor. The society in Koos is also two years old, and the pastor of the congregatian is the president. The collections of money amounted to $25.00, which was given to the Presbytery for village mission work.

The annnal meeting of the Presbyterial society took place in Ramleh as usual in the summer, and was a very pleasant meeting. Two of our members will represent us at your meeting, and will tell of our needs. But before closing I would like to call attention to the request of our Association for four new unmarried ladies for our work here. We need them, as we have an ever increasing open field. We can visit not only those who are chuch members and those who are taking lessons, but also those who have boys or girls in school and their friends, both in city and village. We have the promise of success, for God has said that his word will not return unto Him void.

Zenana Work in India;

SIALKOT.

As the mission work of our church in India was first established at Sialkot, we will make it our starting point among the reports which have come to us from that field. Miss Anna F. Given writes:

"At the annual meeting of the mission in January, 1891, I was transferred from Jhelum to Sialkot, to take charge of work in the district and city, but as Miss McCahon and I were permitted to interchange work when we so desired, I took charge of the school the first part of the winter, and Miss McCahon went out into the district. When the camping season was over, Miss McCahon resumed charge of the school, and I began visiting the villages within reach of Sialkot, sometimes spending a day in the city. Several days were spent at Pasrur, visiting villages within reach of that place, and I also stayed a couple of days at Bhalowala, another center. In the autumn some time was taken up in nursing the sick. Then for a while I went out into the district with Miss Martin. We visited that part of the district overrun by Roman Catholics, and we were pleased to find that the most of our people still adhere to us, and that many of the women were anxious to be taught. There are 324 Zenanas open in Sialkot City—I mean those visited by our Bible woman, Mariana. 240 of these are Musselman, 77 Hindoo, and 7 Chura.

There is but little opposition to the Word, and generally the teacher is gladly received.

EAST GUJRANWALLA.

From this district Miss Rose A. McCullough writes:

"We reached Gujranwalla on the night of December 4, four days after Mrs. McKee. The little daughter and myself went into the district with Mr. McKee where we remained, with the exception of Christmas day, until January 4, 1892. As soon as possible after the annual meeting I returned to the district, coming in at the present time only to assist in getting ready the reports for the Women's General Missonary Society.

"We have found the district work generally encouraging. In some places the men have roused up to the fact that they can teach their own families a little, and where this has been done the effect is very marked. Though the women have forgotten a great deal, yet the more advancced seem to be better established in the faith than when I went away. Miss White did all that she could for our work, but as she had her own district to look after she could not give much time to ours. I have seen a great many interesting things in the work since my return from America, but have neither time or space to make mention of them now, but will relate a single occurrence of a week ago. A young man of the Sweeper caste was baptized. His family were among the best of his class. He had been an inquirer for several months, and the Mohammedans had tried very hard to get him to join them, even offering him a salary if he would do so. As he has a position under the municipal committee to keep the city clean, he replied that he did not need to become either a Christian or Mohammedan for employment. His request was to be baptized in his own village. In the midst of the services his mother appeared on the scene and began beating him, first with a stick and then with her shoe, until she was completely tired out, at the same time heaping the worst of abuse upon him. He stood silent, took it all, offering no resistance whatever. Afterwards when he went back among the men, his own people, they began teasing him, asking why he had become a Christian. He took a copy of the New Testament, and, standing in their midst, read with trembling voice John, iii: 16, 'For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' The excitement did not end at onoe, for the poor old mother, with tears running down her cheeks, went round beating her breast, crying out that 'her son had died that day.' You will see, dear friends, that it still requires some courage to become a Christian in a heathen land."

WEST GUJRANWALLA.

The report begins with an incident, which gives some idea of India laws and pre-emption claims.

"A mission house was being erected at Hafizabad, near the center of West Gujranwalla district. Mr. Martin thought he had the land bought, as he had paid the money for it. The foundations were being laid when a *hagg shaffa* (huk shuffa) stopped the work. The law in India in regard to land is such that when a stranger goes into a place and buys land, if the people there do not wish him to have it, they can take it from him at any time within the first year by paying for it and the improvements that have been put upon it. Mr. Martin had to give the land up, and so the West Gujranwalla missionaries still have their headquarters in Gujranwalla City."

Miss Josie L. White has been working in this district for several years, the first year alone with the exception of a native assistant. The second year, to her great joy, Rev. Geo. Morrison and wife were appointed to this district; thus some of the great burden she had been bearing alone was made lighter. Afterwards, when Rev. Morrison was transferred to the East district, Rev. J. H. Martin succeeded him, and the work has been faithfully carried on. Miss White's good and faithful work is shown by a leaf from her diary, which speaks of district work:

"Wednesday, January 27, we began a tour through our district, which we expect to be of more than a month's duration. We arrived late in the evening at Koth Bal Gobind and found our tents ready for us, as Mr. Martin had sent

them on the day before. Thursday, I went to Koth, only a short distance from our camp. I have visited this place before, and some men were once baptized here."

Now they are scattered, only two or three being left. There are no baptized Christian women in this place. A day is spent in visiting Mohammedan and Hindoo homes, conversing and instructing the women. Omitting a large part of the day's experience we give you only a brief glimpse of the evening hours. After supper, taking a young student with her who had just passed examinations for licensure, a trip was made to an adjoining village. Going into the center of the town, a halt was made before an open court where a number of women sat spinning. Asking permission to sit with them and talk to them awhile, a welcome was extended with expressions of kindness by one of the women. Miss White says:

"When I told the women that we were going among the villages telling the people the way to heaven, the people began to collect, and such a crowd as did come to that place! They were perched all around on the roofs of adjoining houses and many men and women were standing in the court. We tried to make them all hear but there was such a shuffling to see us that we fear they did not get very much good of what was said. Fazl-Din tried to gather the men about him, as the women gathered about me, with innumerable questions concerning myself. Perhaps the next time we visit them they will be less curious and more ready to hear about Him whose commands we are obeying and they may learn something of the way of salvation."

ZAFFERWAL.

The Misses Campbell and Corbett are stationed in this district with Dr. and Mrs. Barr. Early in December Miss Campbell was thrown from a buggy and severly injured. She is gradually recovering and has returned to her work, but will need to be very careful for some time. Miss Corbett has been unable for some months to do regular work, but we earnestly hope that she may soon be entirely restored. Both of these dear girls have been very near death's door, and we feel that God has been very good in sparing them to us and the work. The following report gives only slight knowledge of the work they are doing. In her usual spicy way, Miss Campbell begins:

"'How delightful camp life must be," writes a friend from the home land. In thinking of the hundreds of villages which are accessible to us by this mode of life, and of the joy there is in doing the Lord's work, we respond to the above with a hearty, yes, but when we think of the many discomforts to our bodies, we feel inclined to say, surely it is distance that lends enchantment to the view of life in camp in India.

"Here is a little experience taken at random from our district work last spring. One cloudy afternoon our camp being wearied by a long march, it halted by the roadside on a low spot of ground used for pasturing cows. We knew it was not a good place for an encampment but as we intended to sojourn here only a night or two, we thought it would do. The next morning 40 persons, men, women and children, candidates for baptism, came out to our tents. All the furniture had to be removed from our tents to make room for the women and babies. Hours were consumed in the examinations. Of course, there were a great many interruptions, for babies *will cry*, and mothers in this land are not very patient with their little ones. At last the evening came, and the examinations being over, we seated our band of Christians in front of the tents on the tent matting. Forming a back ground to these were row upon row of turbaned heads of Hindus and Mohammedans. All of our people listened attentively while the sermon was being delivered. This service was one of the most impressive I have ever witnessed. Nature even seemed to join in the solemnity. The sky half covered with clouds gave the mountains a grayish tinge, which made them appear sober in their grandeur. After the service we spoke a few words to each one, encouraging them to live as Christ has taught in his Word, said

the Salams, and they all started away to their humble homes.

"That night the rain came, and how it did rain! When morning light appeared, we looked out upon a camping ground covered with water. The only sound to be heard was the rain-patter upon our tents and the splash of bare feet as our people waded back and forth between our tents. That first morning Miss Corbett and I waded up to our ankles in mud and water in getting over to Dr. Barr's tent. The work of getting back was accomplished under difficulties. It continued to rain just six days, and of course everything kept getting damper and damper. At last, when we had finished our last bit of flour and could endure it no longer, we pulled down our water soaked, heavy tents and waded off to higher grounds a few miles distant. How I did wish "brother John" could enjoy the delightful experience!"

Miss Corbett writes:

"There is a long strip of rough, hilly country lying along the north boundary of our district, inhabited principally by Hindus of different castes, Brahmins and all the various lower strata, with an occasional family of Mohammedans. It is here that our principal work is done. While we scarce ever go into a village that we do not meet hundreds of non Christians, it is here that work among the heathen is found in its purity. We try to spend a part of every winter with these people, and they are showing more and more confidence in us, and are much more ready to listen than they were some years ago. Incidents, amusing, pathetic and provoking all occur. One evening last spring after a hard day's work, our tents were pitched in the center of a number of villages, and the search was begun for food for ourselves and provender for our horses, *but not a thing was to be had*; no grass, no straw, no meat, milk or flour or anything else. The report somehow reached us that one of the petty government officers was at the bottom of the whole thing. Dr. Barr sent for the man and informed him that he would give him a certain short time to get provisions for us. If they were not forthcoming he would report the case to the government. The provisions came, and the poor man hovered about the rest of the evening to see what more he could do for our comfort."

GURDASPUR AND PATANKOTE DISTRICT.

Quite a lengthy report has been received from the Misses Cynthia E. and Rose T. Wilson. We are sorry to be compelled to abbreviate this interesting report of work done here. One of the sisters writes:

"Immediately after the annual meeting of 1891, we started out on a tour among the native Christians, staying from five to eight days in each village. Besides enforcing some practical lessons on the manner of Christian life, we reviewed our people in their knowledge of the Scriptures and the Shorter Catechism, which they are learning. We went pretty thoroughly over the first half of the gospel by John. As a rule the people were glad to see us and willing to be instructed. Our hearts were deeply touched by many cases of extreme poverty, and gladly would we have given assistance if we could have done so without leading them to expect it constantly. We are glad to say that we heard few complaints notwithstanding their great need. During our sojourn among the Christians, we also visited and taught many from heathen homes. Indeed so anxious were some of them to hear, that our tent was sometimes overcrowded by them; also the houses where we went to give instruction. On account of rain and cool weather, we were enabled to stay in camp until the last of March. During the summer months very interesting work was carried on among villages near Gurdaspur. One day as we were teaching a group of Mohammedans about Christ's mission to earth, how he wrought out righteousness for us, and gave his life a sacrifice for us, a young woman in the crowd exclaimed in a surprised manner: 'We never knew that before.' We thought how true, as they have always been taught that they must work out their own righteousness, and we resolved that from henceforth, this particular truth should be the burden of our instruction. After our return from the hills, several weeks were spent among the villages most accessible to us, both heathen and Christian. In November the regular camp work was taken up again in this district, Patankote, where the people are very idolatrous."

Then follows a very interesting ac-

count of work accomplished last Christmas day, showing how eager many of these poor people are to hear of the word of God, which is powerful to save.

BHERA.

In aranging these zenana reports we have placed that of Miss Elizabeth Gordon as a fitting close. Miss Gordon, who is our oldest missionary in India, was transferred last year from Sialkot to Jhelum to work with Dr. Sophia E. Johnson. She writes from Bhera:

"I am now making my first visit to this part of our field. The city of Bhera, so far as mission work is concerned, is under the care of the force located at Jhelum, eighty miles distant. A Mrs. Peterson, who is the mother of ten children, is the only Bible woman working in this city, and she has a great deal of tact in reaching the hearts of the people, for though there is neither a missionary or European living here, she can carry with safety the gospel message anywhere thoughout the city.

"About five years ago our mission started a Girls' school in this place, but parents were afraid their children would become Christians and took them out of school, so it had to be given up. Yesterday, a young woman with a babe in her arms met us on the street. She met Mrs. Peterson as one meets a dear friend, seeming very glad to see her. We learned that five years before she had been one of the little girl pupils in Mrs. Peterson's school. Bhera is said to be the oldest city in the Punjab, and the people are wealthy, and in some respects, quite intelligent, but considerable intolerance has been met with here. On returning from a village four or five miles distant to-day, Mr. Fife remarked, 'I don't see how it is that Hindoos and Mohammedans admit Bible women to their houses.' I replied it is nothing else than the effect of God's spirit, which is all powerful on the hearts of men. I have been in other places where at first there was only bitter opposition, but afterwards we were treated with toleration, kindness and respect. This to me is one of the great encouragements to go on working and publishing the word of God, whether we meet with present success or not. We have met with nothing remarkable in our work this year, further than some remarkable hindrances. It is not easy to work with headquarters eighty miles away, which require frequent and expensive journeys."

Report of Girls' Boarding School for 1891.

BY MISS ELIZABETH M'CAHON.

We have many things to be thankful for as we look back over the past year. The lives of all have been spared. Although a fever which was fatal elsewhere was in our school, not one of our girls were taken. Further, with but one exception, not a single girl has died in connection with the school during the thirteen years of its existence, and that one died at her own home. Another thing we have to be thankful for, is our new and comfortable quarters. I cannot tell you how much of a help it is, to have roomy apartments and convenient arrangemeuts. Our new school building is such a treasure. We can't compare it with the old one, for we did not have any before; we just sat around anywhere we could find a place. Now we have a nice, neat chapel, with four recitation rooms, surrounded by a wide verandah. I had hoped to have a plan and description of the building made for publication, but have not yet succeeded in getting it done. We are thankful for the $100.00 which the Women's Board sent towards the furnishing of our comfortable house; thankful to all who have contributed to to the support of the school. We are very glad that so many have been willing to accept our suggestion of contributing to a scholarship, instead of insisting upon a particular girl. Experience convinces me more and more that this is much the better way, *and it lessens our labor* immensely. The increased desire on the part of the people for the education of their daughters is another thing to be thankful for. When our school was first opened, scarce any of the village Christians were willing to let us have their girls, even though they were at no expense. Now many are not only

willing that the girls should come to us, but they are ready to pay something towards their schooling. The fees for 1891 amounted to R's 60, which amount has covered the cost of books, slates, etc. As yet the matter of pay is not very far advanced, but a beginning has been made. The year closed with 62 boarders, and places have been asked for a number of new ones. We sometimes feel discouraged that more rapid progress is not made, but when we compare our girls with others in the villages from whence they came, the contrast is favorable. Not many of our girls have developed into teachers after leaving school. They do not seem to care very much whether they help others or not. This characteristic does not belong alone to the girls of our school, but is seems to prevail pretty generally among the native Christians. While there is plenty of material for good and efficient helpers, the spirit is lacking. Here is our greatest need, the need of a spirit of consecration, such as will root out and kill the selfishness and worldiness which is paralyzing the native church. Will not our many friends and helpers remember this and ask the Lord to grant us this year the special blessing of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of these young girls.

Medical Work.

REPORT OF DR. MARIA WHITE.

The out-door department or dispensary has continued its routine of work with very little variation. Notwithstanding the fact that the last year has been an unusually healthy one, the number of patients has almost equaled that of the year before. Total number of patients in this department, 15,406. The indoor department was closed from December 1890 to September 1891, for needed repairs, leaving only four months of the year in which patients could be admitted. Upon the reopening applications were so numerous that for two months every bed was kept full, and some extras were made up. During the month of November, the number of patients largely decreased, due to my unavoidable absence. As a rule patients are not satisfied, as they express it, unless the 'Bara Doctor' is there to see them. Sixty-three patients were treated in this department, and all of them returned to their homes, either cured or greatly benefited. Owing to the long closing of the indoor department, and some time spent in district work, fewer operations were performed than during either of the two preceding years. Whole number of operations, major and minor, 465.

"The Pasrur branch has done good work notwithstanding there have been many hindrances. It was kept open only two days in the week during the first part of the year. In April it was placed in charge of a second year medical student, with her mother as Bible woman. Under this arrangement the work was carried on as well as we could have expected for four months. In August the services of a competent nurse and midwife were secured, and under her care the work soon began to gain. After a few weeks, Mrs. Taylor was stricken down with hemorrhage of the lungs, and the dispensary had to be closed for a time. Later on some annoyances arose from a baptism and trouble with servants, but the work still goes on. Total number of patients in this place 8,960, making in both places 24,366.

"Finances have compared well with other years. The hospital and dispensary work at Sialkot closes the year with a balance in hand. Pasrur, though dependent entirely on contributions and fees, has been obliged to draw only Rupees 133 from the Sialkot funds. From April 1892, we have the promise of a grant in aid of Rupees 30 per month, which will greatly help the work in this place.

"The medical class still goes on, and upon satisfactory examination three students will receive certificates.

"The religious work has been carried on regularly in connection with every department work. In the dispensary the Bible has been taught three or four hours every day, and in the hospital, among indoor patients, one hour morning and evening is given to such instruction. Besides this we have a weekly prayer-meeting, and Sabbath services are held in the Memorial room of the hospital, to which city women are in-

vited, and often we have very good audiences. At Pasrur the same work is carried on successfully, together with a Sabbath-school for Christians and others who are willing to attend.

Our district work has been confined to Pasrur throughout the year, as it seemed the most in need. During the month of November we accompanied Mr and Mrs. Cummins in their camping tour, carrying with us a travelling dispensary outfit, and saw and treated on an average of 100 persons daily, while we talked to three times that number. Twenty villages have been visited during the year, some of them three or four times. Although the ignorance of the women was extreme and most pitiful, yet there was a sufficient knowledge of the truth in many cases to cause us to thank God and take courage.

Sincere thanks are given to the many friends who have aided the work by their timely contributions.

REPORT OF DR. S. E. JOHNSON.

Medical work has been very encouraging at Jehlum and Bhera during the past year. By permission of the Mission Association, I employed two European assistants, who have rendered most valuable service. Miss Moran, an experienced mid-wife, was put in charge of the Bhera branch dispensary, where she has done excellent work. Finding great difficulty in hiring a suitable house in the city of Bhera for my assistant, the mission allowed the building of a small house there at the expense of the Women's Board. Rev. T. L. Scott was appointed to take charge of the building, which was pretty near completed before his departure for America. Rev. E. E. Fife finished the house in July and Miss Moran took immediate possession of it. Time is required as well as diligence and perseverance in getting things into running order in a new, or comparatively new, place, and it is no easy thing to win the confidence of the people. Notwithstaning the many difficulties to be overcome, progress has been made and we are much encouraged in our work at Bhera.

Religious work has received special attention in both dispensaries. Faithfully our Bible women have tried to give the gospel message to all who have come come to us for medicine or treatment. We have tried to make the rooms where the out patients come to wait as attractive and as comfortable as possible. The few large Bible pictures on the walls, and the matting on the floors of these rooms, have been worth far more than the expense to us, as our patients do not mind waiting a little while when they are made comfortable and are entertained. I have seen patients actually go back to the Bible reading-room after they have been treated, just to have one more look at those pictures, or to speak a word to Ruth, our cheerful young Bible woman, who is a general favorite. Besides these efforts we have also tried to send the Word into the homes of our patients by means of pictorial Bible cards, which we have used by the thousands this year as dispensary tickets. Each ticket has a suitable scriptural verse printed on it, and they have found their way into the homes of the rich and the poor of many cities and villages where we have ministered to the physical sufferings of the people. We rejoice that God is permitting us to carry the Saviour's loving message to very large numbers who know him not, and we shall in faith wait for the fulfillment of His promise: "So shall my word be, that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it."

The number of patients attending the dispensaries, as well as those treated in the districts, has increased more than threefold during the last year as compared with 1890, the grand total being 18959, including old and new patients. This number, however, does not include families where I am the attending physician, neither does it count the many visits paid to the sick in their homes. Although we have no accommodations for our patients, so many applied for treatment from out districts that I was compelled to make some arrangement in the city, where they could be taken care of. In this way thirty-seven private patients were treated during the year. Of this number, five came for major operations, and I am thankful to say they returned to their homes cured. The most of them are well to do, and added nothing to the expenses of the dispensary, but the looking after them under

the circumstances was a great strain, and I have decided not to take any more such patients until we have suitable places in which they can be properly cared for. It is not our desire ever to have a large hospital, as we wish to spend the winters every year in district work. Still we do need a few rooms attached to each dispensary for operative and emergency cases.

Village work has been very pleasant and encouraging. Two and a half months of the cool weather were spent in the districts in company with Miss Anderson and Miss Gordon. A part of the time Mr. and Mrs. Fife were out with us. Women from over two hundred villages came to us, and during the time over four thousand patients were seen and treated. While our work and expenses have increased threefold as compared with the year 1890, we have received liberal help from the District Board of Jhelum and the municipality of Shahpur. Had not this timely help been given our work would have suffered.

For the year 1892 we have secured the use of a piece of government property in the city of Bhera quite close to the little house occupied by our assistant. The first thought was to purchase as the government made us the liberal offer of R's 1000 or $400 for the property, but the pre-emption claims began to come in from different quarters, and some rich natives four times outbid our price, so it was thought best to lease the property for ten years at the very low rent of $4 per year. The location is most excellent, and will not require a large outlay to convert into a good dispensary and provide the necessary accommodations for a few in patients. In closing this report hearty thanks are given to all who have in any way helped in the support of the medical work at Jhelum and Bhera.

Since this report came to hand we have learned that the alterations have been pushed forward in the government building, or old distillery (for that is what is was) so that it *neither looks nor smells like a distillery*, and that it was nearly ready for a formal opening. We most heartily wish that some, if not all of such soul destroying institutions in this country might be changed over into institutions of benevolence and sweet charity.

In answer to an urgent appeal from the Mission Association of India for another medical missionary to be in training to fill vacancies or absences, which sooner or later must occur, the Women's Board recommend the appointment of another woman physician as early as possible.

In closing this report we would thank the women of our church for all that they have done during the past year, and years, to make the foreign department a success; and we pray the Father of mercies to bestow upon each and every one the riches of his grace, and all spiritual blessings given by our Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. REID.

Report of Home Mission Secretary of Women's Board for Year Ending April 15, 1892.

As we close another year of work for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, our hearts are full of gratitude for the steady, continuous growth of the work of the women of the church along every line of organized effort. Surely the blessing of our Heavenly Father has been poured out abundantly upon us.

Warm Springs Indian Mission, Warm Springs Agency.

Rev. Joseph Alter is still in charge at this place.

Herewith follows his annual report:

To the Women's Board of the United Presbyterian Church of North America:

MY DEAR SISTERS:

Your missionary would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 31, 1892.

We have been on the field the entire year. Except during a short time in the harvest season, when the Indians were generally absent from the vicinity of the

church, two services have been conducted each Sabbath, the morning sermon through interpreters, the evening sermon in English. The attendance for both morning and evening for the year averages 82; for the morning, 91; evening, 60. The average attendance since Dec. 1, when we re-entered our church building, is, for the morning, 132; evening, 66. Special meetings were held during the first week in January, but owing to sickness the attendance was not as good as we had hoped. Prayer-meeting has been held regularly on Wednesday evening of each week, with a fair attendance. Sabbath-School, with an attendance ranging from 50 to 75, has been open during the year, except the time of the summer vacation of the department school when most of the children are absent. Had we more efficient teachers the school could be greatly increased. A Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor was organized in January, with an active membership of about 25. Sixteen persons have been received to membership in the church, all on profession; fifteen adults and one infant baptized. Five of our members have died and two have been suspended. The membership now is 99, of which 96 are Indians and 3 are whites. I have attended eight funerals and married five couples. I spent an occasional Sabbath at Sinemasho before Brother Speer took charge of that station. We always had an overflowing house. Our church building has been improved from the old, dilapidated, barn-like thing that it was, so as to present quite a neat appearance both inside and out.

The following financial report will give an idea of the extent of improvements made.

MONEYS RECEIVED.

From the Women's Board	$900 00
" Mrs. Thaw, of Pittsburg	50 00
" Children's Society, Greeley, Col	5 00
" James Paul, Ainsworth, Iowa	15 00
" J. J. and Maggie Milne, Scotch Gr., Ia.	10 00
" Primary Dept. Y. P. S. C. E., Lawrence, Kas	1 00
" Children of Mrs. Clark, Traer, Ia	1 00
Total	$982 00

The expenditures have been:

For church repairs and furniture	$712 35
" parsonage repairs	100 00
" provisions for sick and absolutely needy Indians	25 39
Total expenditures	$837 74
Balance on hand	$144 26

We have not yet purchased the new stove, nor have we been able to get the painting done on the parsonage, for which this money was sent.

Boxes, barrels, etc., of goods of various kinds have been received, during the year, from the following societies:

One box, Young Peoples' Missionary Society, Verona, Pa.; one box, unknown; one box groceries from the Ladies' Missionary Society, of the First Church, Allegheny; one barrel from Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Church, Allegheny; two quilts from Colony Mission Band, Colony, Kas.; one box and barrel from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Santa Ana, Cal.; one box from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Scotch Grove, Ia.; one box from the Women's Missionary Society, Ontario, O.; Sabbath-school cards from Sara Carney, of First Church, Allegheny; Sabbath-school papers from the Sixth Church, Pittsburg; also we found at the ware-house in the Dalles, addressed to Brother McBride, one box from the Ladies' Missionary Society, of Welda, Kas.; one box, unknown; one barrel from the Ladies' Missionary Society, Olena, Ill.; one barrel, unknown; from the Women's Board, a Singer sewing machine for the use of the mission; from the Board of Publication, four dozen Bibles for distribution where needed. We have distributed twenty-eight Bibles. The total railroad, ware-house and freight (from the Dalles) charges on these articles, including a case of oil for the church, is $43.90. Of this bill $24.66 was not before reported. The remainder was reported and settled in July. The $24.66 I wish to give as a contribution to the Board. This account I have kept separate from that on repairs, etc., given above.

I should have mentioned, in connection with the repairing of the church, that the Indians did hauling of lumber free, to the amount of $85.00; also, that we have been trying to teach them the grace of giving as the Lord has blessed them, and now have about $16 on hand raised by collections during the present quarter, the understanding being that the money will be used for the benefit of the congregation. This is perhaps the first continued effort to raise money by collections that has ever been made among them. They have but little to give, and have never been taught to give that little.

It still seems necessary to have two interpreters at this station. This is a tax on the missionary, during the year, of about $100.

We had appointed the third Sabbath of March for our spring communion, but measles breaking out in the Department school, the Doctor requested that we postpone services altogether until the danger of spreading the disease was passed. We did so although it was much against our work at the close of the year. Owing to this postponement, and the repairing of the church when the fall communion should have been held, but one communion was held during the year.

There has been a good deal of sickness among the Indians during the year. Crickets in numbers sufficient to eat up everything green overran a considerable portion of the reservation, destroying much of the grain and the gardens. Where not thus destroyed the crop was good for this dry sage brush country and also the poor farming of the Indians. There is much fear fromcrickets for this season, as the young in some places are in great numbers and already beginning on the wheat fields. We have had a very mild winter, the thermometer not registering, at this place, as low as zero. This has been favorable to the needy Indian, as well as to his stock, which seldom receives any feed or attention during the winter.

There seems to be "a sound of going in the tops of the mullberry trees" at Sinemasho; and by the instrumentality of the good brother, so recently sent to the field, we trust that the sword of the Spirit may be so wielded as to put to flight the spiritual Philistines and leave the field in the possession of David's Lord. But we leave Brother Speer to report the work and the prospects of that field. We heartily welcome Miss Black to her arduous field of labor and anticipate good results from her work in the homes of this poor, benighted people. Special thanks are due Mr. H. C. Walker, superintendent of the Department school, and Mrs. J. C. Luckey, his assistant, both members of the Congregational church, for much needed help in the Sabbath-school, prayer-meeting and Young People's society at this place We wish to emphasize our thanks to the Board for the generous and prompt support given to our mission. May God bless the noble Christian women of our church in their self-sacrificing work in the Master's cause.

With best wishes for all, I am your brother in Christ, JOSEPH ALTER,
Warm Springs, Oregon.

Rev. Mr. Alter being a delegate to the General Assembly your Board granted him leave of absence. He and his family are now visiting friends, and Mr. Speer and his family, with Miss Black, are at the Agency, where they will remain until Mr. Alter returns and Mr. Speer's house is erected at Sinemasho.

We are glad to be able to report that Mr. Alter's labors are now given exclusively to the Agency mission, Rev. Joseph A. Speer having been appointed missionary at Sinemasho, October 1, 1891. His report, which follows, will give you a faint idea of the work he has undertaken:

To The Woman's Board of The United Presbyterian Church.

DEAR SISTERS:

In this, my first annual report of the Sinemasho field, Warm Springs Indian Mission, I have little of general interest except what I have already reported to you. Leaving my family in Kansas, I proceeded to the field alone. I spent two weeks very pleasantly and profitably among the brethren of western Oregon and participated in the meetings of Oregon Presbytery and the Synod of the Pacific.

Here I learned much in regard to my field of labor, especially from Rev. T. J. Wilson, Superintendent of Missions, and his wife, who have had much experience among the Indians of the Warm Springs reservation, and are intensely interested in the work of Christianizing them. I also found the United Presbyterian brethren of Albany, Halsey and Portland warmly interested in our work, which was very gratifying owing to the nearness to the field; to know that we have so many warm-hearted, sympathizing friends just beyond the mountain walls helps greatly to relieve the missionaries' feeling of isolation. Indeed the missionary spirit is very manifest in all this Pacific coast. Being itself a vast mission field, all within its limits seem to

know the heart of the missionary and stand ready to give aid and comfort.

I reached my field October 30, 1891, and somewhat like Peter in the house of Cornelius, found the Indians were ready and waiting to hear what your missionery had to say. From the time I began work the attendance has been steadily on the increase until the audience at our preaching service had out grown the limits of our place of meeting in the government school-room. After the novelty had worn off a little I was disappointed and discouraged in my work, owing to a peculiar reserve and apparent suspicion on the part of the Indians. At first I could not understand it. They attended preaching and in many ways showed their good will, yet I could not get into their confidence. After I had come to know them better and their history—what they have suffered at the hands of the white man, I am not surprised that they have lost confidence in everybody and are now resolved not to be hasty in entering into league with strangers in the future. Their caution was very manifest when I asked them for land on which to erect mission buildings. I had to fully explain that I only wanted to use the land for mission purposes, and would have no right to sell it or use it for any other purpose. Evidently they feared some new scheme to get more of their land away from them. After I had fully explained they promised me twenty acres, and I am now negotiating with the department in Washington to have the assignment made.

The water supply at Sinemasho is very insufficient, and as we cannot better our location in this respect without placing our buildings too far away from the government school it will likely become necessary to put in a cistern to furnish water for house use. I herewith submit plan for church building. My time has necessarily been largely occupied with the preliminary steps toward erecting church and parsonage buildings during the summer. We expect to have them both ready for occupancy next autumn. I wish to state here that a church bell is a very important matter to the Indians, since they do not have clocks or watches. Now it is possible some congregation may be about to provide themselves with a newer or larger bell, and would like to donate their old one to their red brethren to be used on our new church.

There was a great deal of sickness among the Indians at Sinemasho during the winter, both in the school and in the camp; this interfered somewhat with the work. I intended holding a series of meetings but was prevented from time to time in this way from doing so. Mr. G. J. McCoy and his wife assisted me in Sabbath-school work, as also did Miss Lister, all of whom are government employes, the two former being members of the United Presbyterian church. For some time, however, they were all down sick and I was left alone in the work for several weeks.

The Sabbath-school includes the children in day-school, about 65, together with some ten or fifteen others who attend most of the time. All these understand some English; then there are some who attend quite regularly who do not understand any English. As soon as possible I want to secure an Indian teacher for them. I have sent to the Presbytery a statement of our needs for the coming year, also plans for buildings, etc. I have been blessed with good health, only failing in part of the work of one Sabbath by sickness.

This report has been prepared since my return to Kansas for my family, and I find my memorandum has been left behind, so that I will have to omit from it some items of aid I have received from various societies and individuals.

In view of the destitution and degradation of this benighted people I feel that little has been accomplished as yet. Still I have gained a knowledge of the people, and in some manner have gained their confidence, both of which are important factors in successful work. Now that I shall soon be more permanently located in the field, we shall have a meeting place of our own before many months, and with the devoted women of the church praying for our success, I look hopefully into the future.

I regard Sinemasho a promising field. Giving myself anew to the work, and wishing you all success in your every effort to help the needy and save the unsaved, I am yours in the Master's service,

J. A. SPEER.

As you all know, the Presbytery of Oregon has the care of all of our Indian

work. All applications for supplies must be presented by the missionaries to this Presbytery, and its action thereon sent to your Board. All moneys are sent by your Treasurer to the Superintendent of missions of this Presbytery and he forwards them wherever designated. Mr. Speer's report to Presbytery is now before you, followed by the action of Presbytery thereon; also the plans of church and missionary's house at Sinemasho.

Rev. J. T. Wilson, Superintendent of Missions, Oregon Presbytery United Presbyterian Church:

Your missionary at Sinemasho, Warm Springs Indians, would report:

As to preaching, Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting services, I have nothing special to report in addition to what I have reported you at the close of the last quarter. The attendance upon preaching fell off for a Sabbath or two the first of January, on account of the annual *he-he* or laughing feast. After this was over the attendance was soon up to the usual number; some days as many as 175, or more than could find standing room in the school-room where we met. Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting have been chiefly restricted to the children in school, though a number of Indians from outside attend both. Everything indicates that with a church in which to meet, with more room and comfort in every way, new interest would be awakened in all our services.

Thus far my time has largely been occupied with the preparatory steps toward erecting a church and parsonage, which we expect to build the coming summer. I had to approach the Indians very cautiously in order to secure a grant of land on which to build. They have been wronged so often by the whites that they have lost confidence in everybody. I now have their promise for a grant of 20 acres in a suitable location. I herewith submit plans for building for your inspection, and if satisfactory trust they will be approved. The estimates of the carpenter have placed the probable cost of the buildings above the present appropriation of the Board. As this total expense must depend very much upon the price of lumber it can only be approximated. I hope to bring the cost below the estimate, yet I think we shall need $500 additional to what has already been appropriated. It is not economy to build too small a church, as is the case of the Agency.

My experience in the work assures me that the Sinemasho field is a promising one, and my constant prayer is that the Head of the church may so fit us for the work, and guide us in it, that the hopes and prayers of the church may be in some measure realized.

I respectfully request that the Oregon Presbytery will recommend to the Women's Board the following appropriations and supplies:

Salary of Missionary	$1,200 00
Salary of Bible reader	600 00
Additional appropriation for mission b'l'g.	500 00
Provisions for sick, supplies to be used by missionary	50 00
Total	$2,350 00

SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Four copies Bible teacher, forty copies Junior Quarterlies, twenty-five Lesson cards for those commencing to read, forty copies Youths' Evangelist, thirty copies Olive Plant.

When buildings are erected, and we are more fully established in the work, I hope to be able to report something of more general interest to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SPEER.

ALBANY, APRIL 18, 1892.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, Allegheny City, Pa.

MY DEAR MADAM:

I enclose herewith this, the report of of Mr. Speer, for your information, and also the action of the Board. I endorse the application he makes—for salary, $1,200 for the missionary, and $600 for Bible reader, also $50 for supplies for Sinemasho, to furnish the very poor in case of sickness.

I also approve the plans furnished for church and home of missionary at the Sinemasho Station. Mr. Speer has not yet been able to give specific estimates for his buildings; that, under the circumstances, would be impossible. Brother Alter makes application for $1,200 for salary of missionary, and $50 for supplies to be used in helping the sick. A grant of $100 was made by the Board last year, $50 to each station, but the money was not called for, I believe, the money

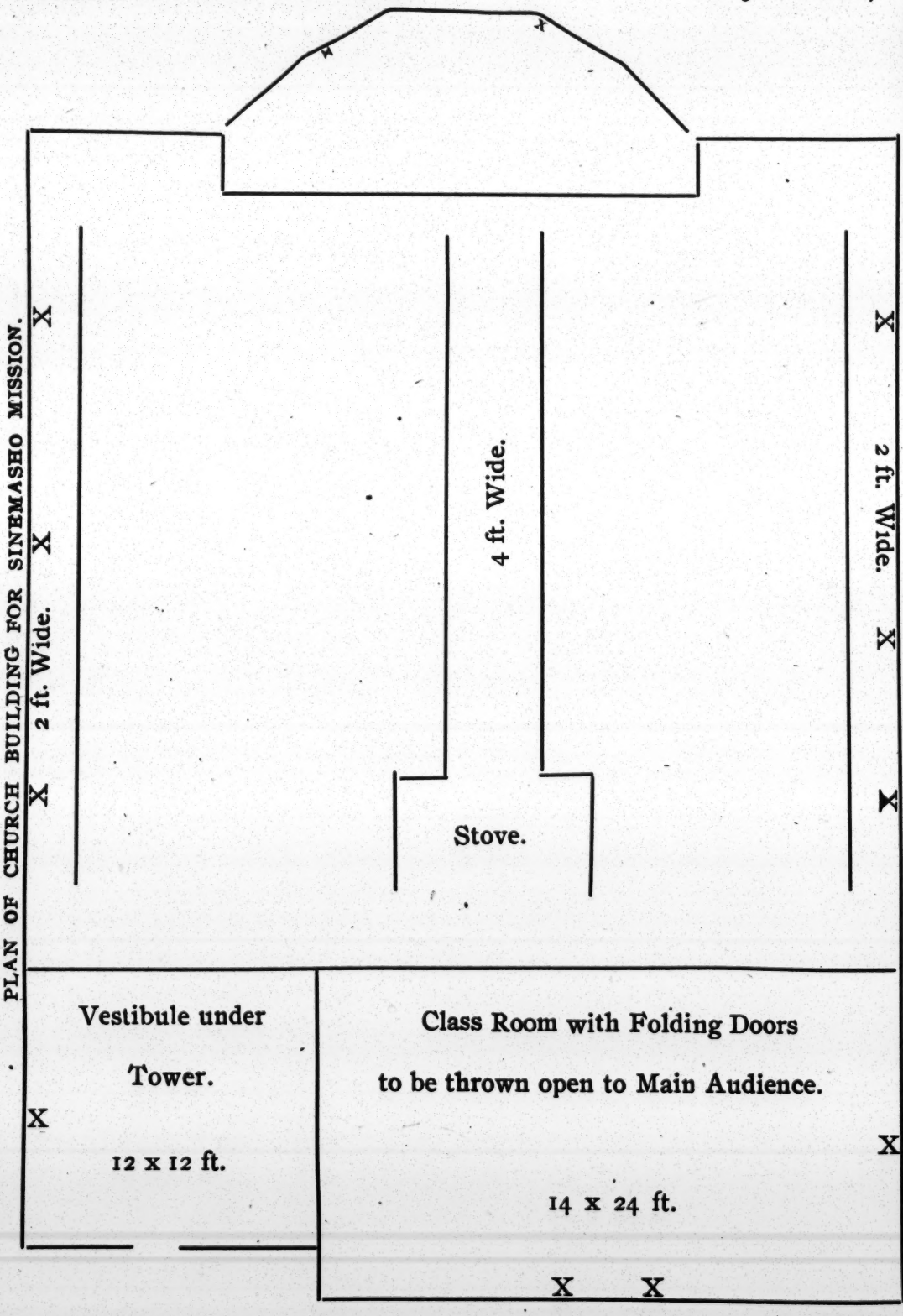
needed for the purpose having been supplied by individual donors.

I met Mr. Speer and family, including Miss Black, in Portland, on my return from our meeting of Presbytery, at Spokane. They would go to the Dalles of the Columbia on Thursday last and would reach the reservation Saturday evening. All were in good spirits and anxious to be on their field of labor.

The money for purchase of saw-mill has been forwarded, and Mr. Speer is authorized to pay when the conditions of the contract are met. I would suggest that a remittance of $500 be sent Mr. Speer to begin the work of building. He will need money to pay his hands in getting out lumber.

Very truly yours,
T. J. WILSON, S. M.

PLAN OF CHURCH BUILDING FOR SINEMASHO MISSION.


2 ft. Wide.
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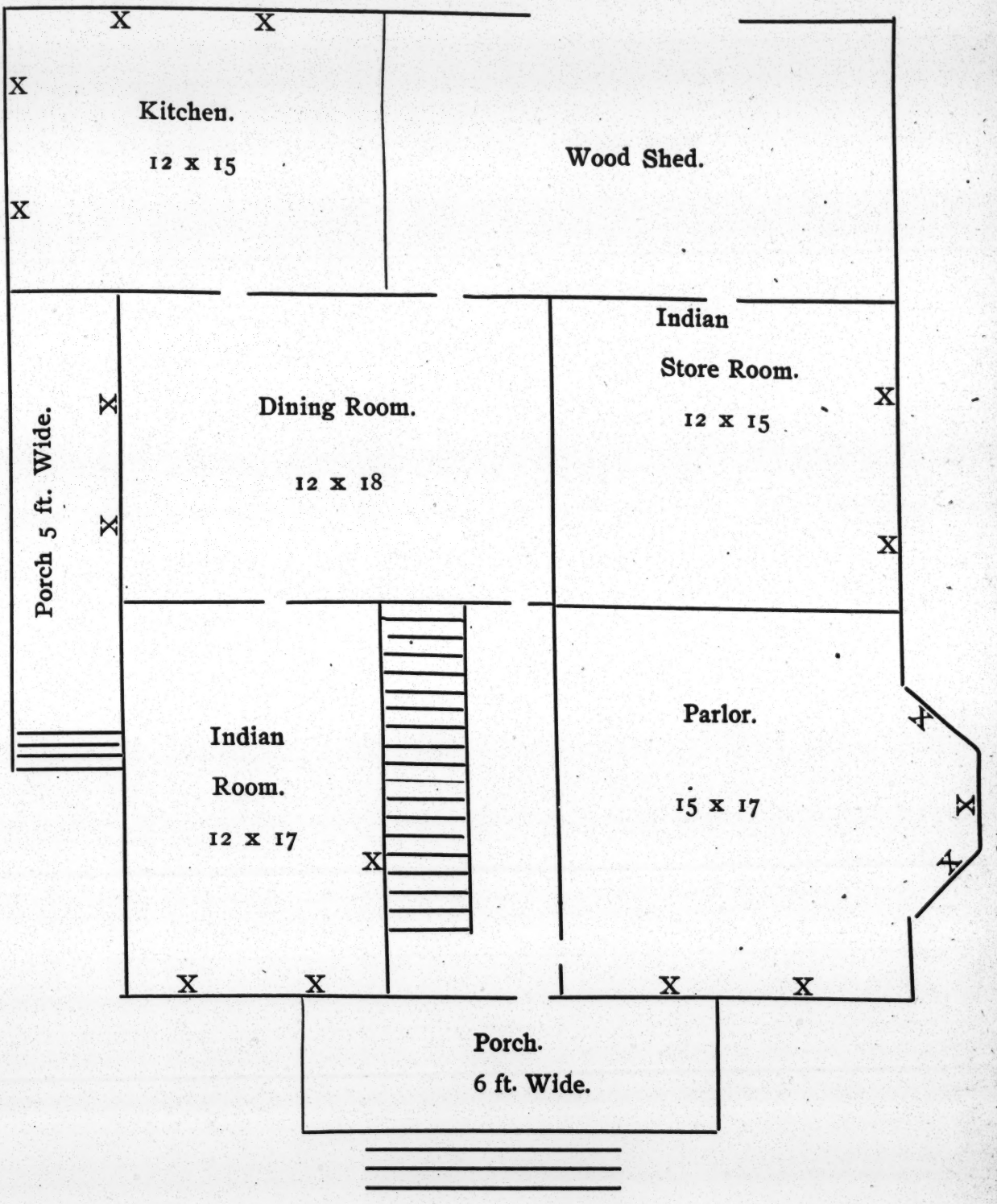
Stove.
Vestibule under Tower.
12 x 12 ft.
Class Room with Folding Doors to be thrown open to Main Audience.
14 x 24 ft.

Entire building 36 x 48 feet. Audience room 36 x 34 ft. Seating capacity of Main Audience about 220. Class room 50 or 60 ft. Probable cost $1,500.00. This includes pews for main audience, and possibly chairs for class room.

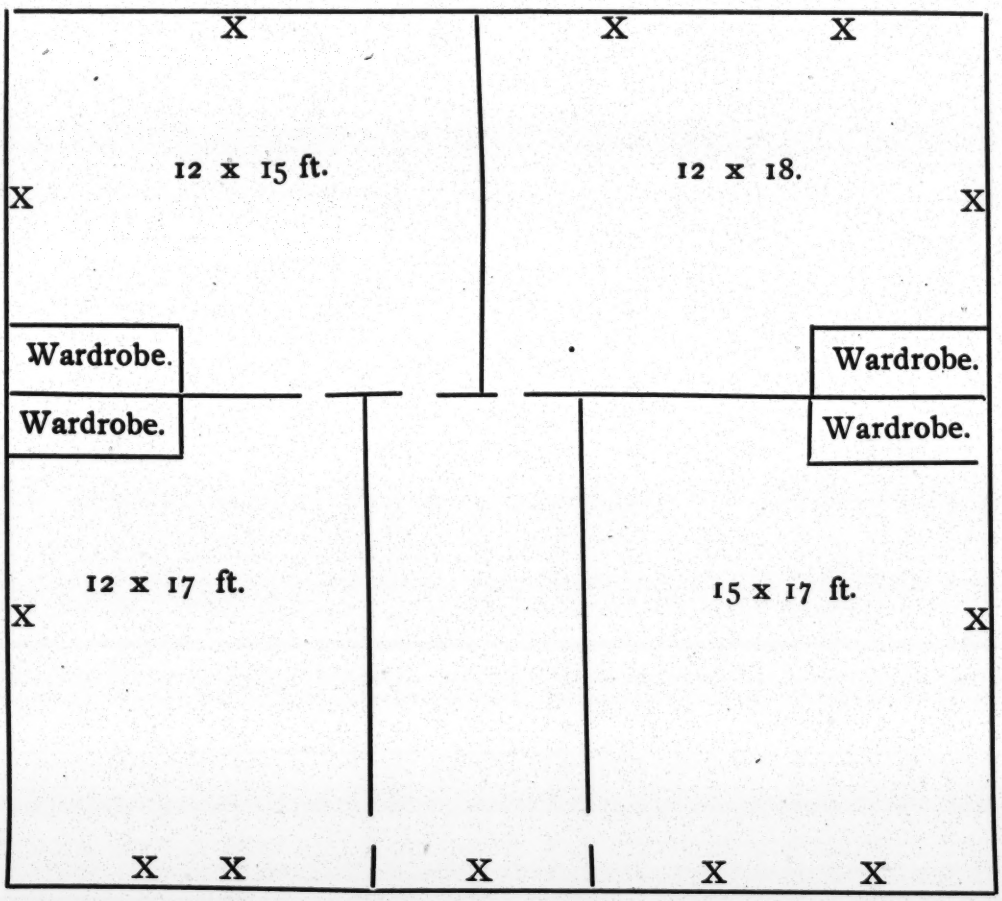
PLAN OF MISSIONARY'S HOME.—SINEMASHO. (For Second Floor, see next page.)



FRONT VIEW OF GROUND STORY.

Main building 34 x 30 ft. Two stories high. Porches, Kitchen, Woodshed and Alcove, one story. Indian room is intended as a place where they may come to sit and talk, or confer with missionary, and in case of necessity stay over night. Store room is for storing missionary supplies, second hand clothing, etc., for benefit of the Indians. Probable cost, $1,800.00.

SECOND FLOOR, FRONT VIEW.



On April 18, of this year, Mr. Speer's family arrived at their new field of labor, accompanied by Mrs. Speer's sister, Miss Eliza H. Black, who has been appointed by your Board, with the approval of Oregon Presbytery, as Bible reader at Sinemasho. She has been for many years a public school teacher in Allegheny, Pa., and a highly appreciated and well-known member of the First church, Allegheny. The payment of her salary has been assumed by the Presbyterial society of Monongahela. She will send monthly reports to your Board, which will appear from time to time in our MAGAZINE and the church papers. We bespeak for her, as well as our other missionaries to our own red brethren, an interest in your prayers and, as heretofore, a liberal financial support for this branch of the work of the women of our church. Do not forget, sisters, that all that is done for these Indians must be done by you; for our General Assembly has committed this part of the church's work to the care of the Women's General Society. The appointment of the ministers is the work of the Board of Home Missions, but the caring for them after they are appointed belongs to you. A brief financial statement of receipts and disbursements is appended:

Balance on hand April 15, 1891	$10,720.76
Receipts during year ending April 15, '92	1,227.86
Total	$11,948.62
Expended, year ending April 15, '92	$5,444.68
Balance on hand April 15, '92	6,503.94

Your thanks are due our Board of Publication, which has given our Indian mission a donation of six dozen Bibles, so that every new member, at least, might be presented with a copy of the Word.

Omaha, Nebraska.

WOMEN HOME MISSIONARIES.

Miss Lizzie W. Johnson has continued at work during the year at South Omaha, with glorious results. I shall let her tell you her own story as it appears in the following report.

710 N. 26th St., S. OMAHA, NEBRASKA.
APRIL 26, 1892.

To the Women's General Missionary Society.

DEAR SISTERS:

I can scarcely realize that a year has passed since I sent you a report of our work in South Omaha. For it is *our* work, your work and my work in the Master's cause, and while I am at work in this city, it is *you* who make it possible for me to do this work. It has been a busy year, and to me a year of encouragement. For instead of the uninviting store-room in which we held our meetings at the time I last wrote you, we now worship in our own cosy chapel, upon which there is not one cent of debt. It is a neat frame structure which can be arranged to seat about two hundred, but in which we have one hundred and twenty-five chairs. It is heated by furnace, lighted by electricity, the entire floor carpeted with a bright, pretty carpet, and the pulpit furniture is plain but neat. Some one asked me a few days ago, "Where did you secure the money to build it?" I said, "Really, I can scarcely tell," and when I explained the friend said, "Certainly the hand of the Lord was in it." By the sale of the lot which the Board of Church Extension owned and the purchase of another, $468 was cleared, so we had that upon which to start. From subscriptions here $373 was obtained. Much of this was from outsiders, one packing-house superintendent giving me $50; another, $25; the Stock Yard Company, $25, etc. The ministers in the Presbytery were interested, and from them we received $98.

To me there was something wonderful in the way much of the money came. One Ladies' Missionary Society, in the congregation where my father had been pastor years ago, unexpectedly to me sent ten dollars, saying, "We send it directly to you, for we want you to know that the work of your father and mother here is not forgotten, and that we still feel an interest in "Little Lizzie." A minister, who has of late been preaching but little, sent me five dollars, stating that he had just finished four days preaching, and thought perhaps that I could use one tenth of the money here. A dear friend who is a widow sent me ten dollars, stating that a pension had just been granted her and she wanted the

first tithe to be used at South Omaha. A lady in charge of a mission band in New York State wrote requesting me to write a letter to her mission band, thinking they would become interested, and perhaps send the contributions of that quarter here. At the end of that quarter I received $73, and in just this way our church was built. The entire cost was $1,475. A week or so ago I said to a friend that we really needed linen for use with our communion services, but I could scarcely see how we could buy it at present. A few days later came a draft for five dollars from one who was my dearest girl friend when in college. She said "I send my Thank-offering to you this year; use it as you think best." And now her Thank-offering has taken the form of beautiful linen for our communion table. Do you wonder that I have been encouraged? However, this is but a small portion of the blessing.

During the year Sabbath-school has been held every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock, and some of the ministers from the city have preached at 4 o'clock, and since we entered our chapel they have also preached in the evening. The Young People's prayer-meetings on Sabbath evenings, and the regular prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening, have been held. With one or two exceptions the Mission Band has met each Saturday afternoon, and the Ladies Missionary Society each month. Communion services have been held quarterly and there have been preaching services on twenty-four week day evenings. Eight persons have united with the church by certificate and five on profession. Two adults and three infants have been baptized. Five cottage prayer-meetings have been held. The membership of the Mission Band is now about twenty-five, and of the Ladies' Society eight. Two hundred children have been enrolled in the Sabbath-school, with an average attendance of 52. About 825 calls have been made by your missionary. Since September 1 the incidental expenses of the mission have been paid by the members here, and about $31 contributed to the boards of the church. The contributions of the Ladies' Society and the Mission Band in addition to this was $7, and their Thank-offering, $10 45. The people have agreed to pay all expenses next year and $100 toward the pastor's salary. Rev. J. F. Ross commenced work here April 1, and all are rejoicing over this. We have now changed our Sabbath-school until 10 A. M., and have preaching at 11 A. M., and again in the evening. So we are looking forward with much hope to the next year's work.

LIZZIE JOHNSTON.

In the Park Avenue congregation of this same city, South Omaha, another devoted woman has been at work for several months, and although she is not under the care of your Board, her report of work done is so interesting and encouraging that I give it to you. No wonder things are so flourishing in South Omaha, when pastors and elders have such helpers as Miss Johnson and Miss McCool.

OMAHA, NEB., April 11, 1892.

DEAR MRS. CAMPBELL:—I have been doing city mission work in Omaha since the first of September. I have been employed by the Park Avenue church, and have devoted my afternoons to this work. I thought an account of the work done here might be of interest to you.

Ours is a mission church and our work truly mission work in every sense of the term. During these seven months I have made over 700 calls on people of all classes and conditions. I have been received kindly and politely by everyone, with just one exception. Those who were members of, or adherents of other churches, have shown great interest in my work, and bade me "God Speed." Others, with no church connection, have all given at least a promise to cast in their lot with us in some way, either by sending their children to the Sabbath-school or to attend services themselves, or both.

I have failed in only a few cases in getting the children into the Sabbath-school. I find a great deal of indifference in the matter of personal religion, and carelessness regarding attendance of church services, which is a form of heathenism much harder to contend with in my work than downright wickedness. The parents seem willing and anxious to have their children in the Sabbath-school and say, "Yes, I want my children brought up in the church." Yet many

of them seldom, if ever, enter its doors.

Our Sabbath-school has increased almost 50 per cent., from April 1 'till September 1, 1891; the highest number present any one day was 100, and yesterday, April 10, we had 193. Three of those brought into the Sabbath-school in this time have united with the church, and others have declared their intention of doing so in the near future.

I have collected clothing from friends in and out of the church, and have distributed it where I felt it was most needed. In a few cases nearly all the clothing the children possessed to attend Sabbath school with has been furnished in this way; and the most regular in attendance have been some to whom I have furnished outfits. In a few cases a small sum has been paid me for garments, and I have used the proceeds in purchasing food and clothing for others. I have charge of the Mission Band, which meets the first Saturday of every month; it numbers 54. In October I organized an aid society among the young women, ranging in age from fourteen to nineteen years. They have met every two weeks, and have seemed very much interested in this work. The society numbers fifteen, only five of them being members of the church. In November we opened a reading room in one of the class rooms of the church, for the boys and young men. This has been open every Saturday night since that time, except one very stormy evening. We have a case of books and magazines for the use of those in attendance, and also a great number and variety of games, of some of which they never seem to tire. The number present had averaged about ten, four being the lowest number ever present, and that one very rainy evening. The first of January the boys organized themselves into a literary society, and since that time a part of every other Saturday evening is spent in literary exercises. I have been present at every meeting, and have made it my aim to make every one present interested, and have a good time. Some boys have been brought into the Sabbath-school through these Saturday evening meetings. Of course I have met with some discouragements, and yet I have had much that has been very encouraging. I hope to make this kind of work my life work, either here or elsewhere, and ask for your prayers that I may succeed in it, and be "a soul winner" for Christ. Yours truly,

(Miss) Lydr A. McCool, 2915 Jackson St.

Indianapolis, Indiana.

According to the action of the Presbytery of Indiana, endorsed by the Board of Home Missions, Miss Elsie M. Williamson began work in above named city on March 15, 1892. As we have just received two reports from her, we present them in full, that you may get a good idea of the preliminary work to be done in establishing new missions. We always know a good deal of results; these will give you a faint picture of "beginnings:"

The following report of city mission work in Indianapolis from March 15 to March 28, 1892, is respectfully submitted:

Most of the first week was spent in planning and making preparations for the work. The community in which the pastor and session thought best to establish our new work is in the northeastern part of the city, in a region where there are between three and four thousand people without any church within easy reach. Most of the people have comfortable homes, and are in fairly good circumstances, being business men and trades people.

A hall, known as Van Sickles' Hall, in the corner of Clifford and Brookside avenues, about three quarters of a mile from the church, (United Presbyterian) was found to be available for services. It is sufficiently large, is carpeted, well papered, provided with over a hundred chairs, heated and lighted with natural gas, and has in it an organ of which we can have the use for a small sum. This hall was rented by the pastor and session for Sabbath evening service at the low rate of seventy-five cents per night, including heat and light, for a period of three months; after which, if we are successful, the rent will probably be raised to one dollar per night.

On March 29th this action was announced to the congregation, and also that the Sabbath evening service would soon be transferred from the church to Van Sickles' hall. Preparatory to this a canvassing of the immediate vicinity was commenced for the purpose of making the services known, extending invi-

tations and learning who had church membership, and how many had not. Only a beginning has been made in this work. The report of calls to date is as follows: By missionary, 53; by others, 10; total, 63. Besides these thirty invitation cards were left where persons were not at home. Among the families visited, those having church membership were as follows:

Methodist, 12; Congregational, 1; Episcopal, 1; German church, 3; Christian, 3; Catholic, 3; Baptist, 1; Lutheran, 2; United Brethren, 2; Presbyterian, 12. Total 40. Families having no church membership, 23.

Many who have membership are careless in attendance on services. Our first service was held at this place, March 27, at 7:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. J. P. Cowan, D. D., the pastor. The attendance was 68, over 20 of these being from the districts visited, and not attendants at the United Presbyterian church. The service was a very pleasant one. The session has decided to take a voluntary collection at each service. The hall was secured and services commenced in order to hold the field for the United Presbyterian church. Another denomination has applied for it since we secured it. There are a number of children in the community who attend no Sabbath-school, and we hope to be able to organize one as the work developes.

Very respectfully,
ELSIE M. WILLIAMSON.

Indianapolis, March 17, 1892.

The session of the United Presbyterian congregation of Indianapolis, having carefully examined the enclosed report, approve it by unanimous vote.

J. P. COWAN, Moderator,
E. K. MARQUIS, Clerk.

Indianapolis, March 28, 1892.

REPORT FROM MARCH 28 TO APRIL 25, 1892.

Since the last report four services have been held in Van Sickle's hall on Sabbath evening, conducted by Rev. J. P. Cowan, D. D. There has been a very encouraging audience at each service. There were present, April 3, 81 persons; April 10, 121 persons. On April 27, owing to a heavy rain, the number was cut down to about 45, and on April 24 we had an audience of 90, making an average of 84 for the month. At nearly all of these meetings at least half were from the vicinity of the hall. The interest has been very good at all the services, the congregation being attentive and orderly and many of the strangers joining heartily at the singing, which has been good at every meeting.

I have made 177 calls during the month in the neighborhood of the hall, and have found 76 families who have no church membership in the city. Many of these have been members of churches in other places, but have been here some of them for several years without connecting with any church and have grown careless. Nearly all receive me very kindly and seem glad a church is starting in their community, and we hope to be able to interest these in our work. 117 invitation cards have been left where persons were not at home. Some persons who previously seemed to have very little interest in churches or religious matters, have been at every meeting, and others at two or three. Nearly all who come express themselves as well pleased with the services, and we feel that our church is becoming favorably known in the community. No arrangements have as yet been made for the organization of a Sabbath-school. as it seems impracticable until the present work developes more fully. We expect to continue the evening service, and the session is now planning to secure a lease on the hall for one year from July 1st, 1892, for two services on Sabbath, a Sabbath-school and evening service.

Very respectfully submitted,
ELSIE M. WILLIAMSON,
313 N. East Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Monmouth, Illinois.

The first and second congregations of this city have each employed a home missionary for part of their time, Mrs. Margaret Campbell and Mrs. M. A. Nichol. The latter reports having made 432 calls and expending $21 in assisting the needy.

Westmoreland Presbyterial society in connection with a committee from Presbytery, have had Miss Anna R. Pollock at work in several towns within the bounds of the Presbytery for the past four months. From testimonials sent by ses-

sions under whose care she has labored, as well as from her monthly reports, we gather that she has been quite successful bringing children into the Sabbath-school, outsiders into the church, visiting the sick, reading the Bible and praying with those whom she visited, thereby assisting heavily burdened pastors in many useful ways.

You see from all the foregoing that during the year, six devoted, consecrated Christian women have been at work in the home field, and the seventh, Miss Black, has now fairly commenced.

As we confidently expect that the results which have attended their efforts will induce many more presbyteries and sessions to undertake this work, a brief statement of the plan of procedure adopted by your Board may not be out of place.

1. The congregation desiring to have a woman placed as home missionary within their bounds, must first apply to its own Presbytery.

2. The Presbytery must make its application for such a worker to the Board of Home Missions.

3. The Board of Home Missions, when it approves the appointment of such a worker, will send its recommendation to your Board.

4. When your Board receives said recommendation, if the state of treasury will allow the session which is to have the oversight of the missionary will at once be notified of our favorable action, and asked if it can present the name of a suitable woman for the work.

This is done on the assumption that everything else being equal, a woman known to the session and acquainted with the locality, will be able to render more acceptable service than a stranger.

5. As soon as the woman is chosen, she will be notified at once of her appointment by the Secretary of Home Mission work and informed that her traveling expenses will be paid from her home to her field of labor as soon as she presents her statement thereof.

Her salary will date from the time of her arrival in the place where she is to be engaged, and will be paid in advance.

6th. In every case she is expected to send monthly reports, approved by the session to your Board, and annual reports to the meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society.

A very encouraging feature of this work is the fact that twelve young women have sent us their names as being desirous of working for the Master in the home field. Whenever and wherever possible we will place them all at work. In supporting these women laborers during the past year we have expended $907.90.

GENERAL HOME MISSION WORK.

At the April meeting of your Board the following paper from the Board of Home Missions was read. After a free discussion it was unanimously adopted.

AGREEMENT.

Whereas, the Women's Board has agreed to provide for the support of a mission in Salt Lake City, and may in future undertake similar work in the home mission field; and whereas it is necessary that all mission stations, not exceptional and peculiar in their character, shall be kept under the regulations for Home Missions adopted by the General Assembly. Therefore

Resolved, That the following articles are agreed upon by the Board of Home Missions and the Women's Board, which, if approved by the General Assembly, shall govern the relations of these Boards respectively to all ordinary mission stations in the home field that may be supported by the Women's Board:

1. When the support of any home mission station is undertaken by the Women's Board, the General Assembly shall be asked to place the station as a special mission in the care of the Board of Home Missions, and the appointment of missionaries to such stations shall be made by the Board of Home Missions, in consultation with the Women's Board, under the regulations governing appointments to special missions.

2. All applications for aid in money to such stations shall be submitted annually to the Board of Home Missions at the same time and in the same manner as application for aid to other mission stations, and this Board shall forward the

same, with its judgment in each case, to the Women's Board for final action.

3. All payments for such missions shall be made by the Women's Board through the superintendents of missions of the Presbyteries concerned, upon quarterly reports certified by them; and shall not enter into the regular accounts of the Board of Home Missions.

Approved by the Board of Home Missions March 14, 1892.

WM. S. OWENS, Cor. Sec'y.

All readers of our MAGAZINE are aware that at the joint request of the Presbytery of Colorado and the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, your Board decided to undertake the support of a minister and the erection of a church at Salt Lake City, Utah. We regret to be obliged to state that as yet the minister to take charge of the work has not been found, although the Board of Home Missions has been untiring in its efforts to find exactly the right man for the field. Please bear this work in mind while arranging your plans for the ensuing year, as we will need from ten to fifteen thousand dollars at least to purchase property and erect a suitable building thereon. If the minister should so advise after he has made a careful survey of the field, the Home Mission will recommend the appointment of a woman as assistant missionary. Several societies have expressed a desire to assist in the payment of her salary.

This year we have branched out a little into a new field, and acting under the advice of the Board of Church Extension, have loaned the congregations twenty-three hundred dollars, taking in each case good security therefor. In addition to this we have made donations to colleges and Home Mission churches amounting to $1,300, and to Home Mission Board for debt fund $133.79.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

During the past twelve months we have sent to the treasurer of this board $536.02, besides sending boxes, barrels and donations of cash to ministers and their families direct. The following societies have helped in this direction:

Ladies Missionary Society, Pine Bush, N. Y.; Ladies Missionary Society, 6th Pittsburg, Pa.; Ladies Missionary Society, Montville, Pa.; Ladies Missionary Society, West Hebron, N. Y.; Ladies Missionary Society, Cherry Fork, O.; Young Ladies Missionary Society, Espyville Station, Pa.; Christian Endeavor Department of 1st church, Baltimore, Md.; Ladies Missionary Society, Wooster, O.; Ladies Missionary Society, Caledonia, N. Y.; Ladies Missionary Society, Morning Sun, O.; Ladies Missionary Society, Westford, Pa.; Ladies Missionary Society, Denver, Col.; Ladies Missionary Society 1st church, Allegheny, Pa. These societies have all reported their intention to send boxes and many of them have reported list of contents and values. Two sent cash also, one twenty-five dollars and another five.

Our Young People's Society, of Hickory, Pa., has a communion set which they will gladly give to some needy home mission church.

We wish some good plan could be devised by which names and addresses of needy home missionaries could be sent to the Home Secretary. With the small salaries and large families of many of our faithful missionaries, there must be numbers to whom a well-filled box would be a help. As it is we have great difficulty in getting names for the societies who are ready and willing to do this kind of loving work.

What good is to be expected from the writing and the reading of this long report? First, that you may be intelligently informed of all that our women are doing in the home field, and second, that when we see how the Lord has blessed and prospered our feeble efforts that we will resolve in His strength to give more of our time and our money and our labor and prayers to His service next year, if he should spare our lives, than ever before. Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. CAMPBELL.

Report of Freedmen's Work, Year Ending April 15, 1892.

DIRECTORY FOR FREEDMEN'S MISSION—Principals: Rev. J. S. McCullough, Knoxville, Tenn; Rev. P. C. Cloud, Miller's Ferry, Alabama; Rev. J. L. Cook, Athens, Tenn.; Rev. J. H. Veazey, Chase City, Va.; Rev. J. H. Veazey, Bluestone, Va.; Rev. J. B. Work, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. James M. Fulton, D. D., Henderson, N. C.

As year by year passes around and we become more intimately associated with the work for Freedmen, learning more fully the ignorance and superstition with the depths of degredation resulting in weighing them down, we are more profoundly impressed with a sense of our responsibility toward this people. A religion they have, and one which purports to be the true religion, but so falsified and distorted as not to be recognized as the worshiping of *our* God. But to dispel their superstitions and convince them that God requires nothing of them but what it is *possible* for them to do, but that he does require them to worship him with a pure religion and undefiled, requires patient, persevering effort. To give an instance of the teaching they receive from their own ministers. On one occasion, one in speaking of immersion, said one of the requisites was that they must first go to hell for a time. Other instances of equally heretical teaching are numerous, but not necessary to convince you of the necessity for teaching them the better way. One feature which seems especially to appeal to we women, is that of industrial training; improving the home life; teaching the mothers and daughters how to make their clothing, be it ever so plain, fit them neatly; to tidy up their homes, though the furniture be old and scanty; how to prepare appetizing meals, be the food ever so meager.

It was along this line that the attention of your Board has been especially directed this year. The material used in the sewing departments and the various missions has been largely supplied by societies for some time. This year it has been done more fully with the addition of supporting the industrial teachers in some instances. We now give you a full report of the industrial work as carried on at each station. We know you are all much interested in the success of the Girl's Industrial Home, for the building and furnishing of which you so generously furnished the money two years ago. We give you the reports in full, from Rev. J. H. Veazey, Principal of Chase City Misson.

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The work done in this department fully meets a need that has been long felt and pressing. Girls who come to the school, entirely ignorant as to the proper performance of the simplest household duties, will return to their homes well trained in the various departments of home work. Those who are acquainted with the condition of domestic affairs in the majority of the negro cabins in the South, will rejoice in a work that is doing so much to elevate and enoble the home life of this people. The number of girls in the home this year was 20, and the number of boys who took their meals in the girl's dining-hall, 14. The expense of each student was $46 for nine months. The income for boarding at this low rate to the student has, by careful management on the part of the matron, met all expenses, with a balance of $50 in the treasury. The only cost to the church for this department of work for the year will be the salary of the matron.

SEWING SCHOOL AT CHASE CITY.

The sewing department is under the supervision of Miss Mary McCampbell. It has been kept open during the nine months of the school term. Each of the 113 girls enrolled received instruction for one hour and a half each day in cutting, fitting and making plain garments for girls and boys. In doing the

work of the department, 2,083 yards of material were used and 768 garments were made. These garments were all sold to the pupils of the school at about the cost of goods.

HENDERSON, N. C.

A new station was opened this year at Henderson, N. C., and has been presided over by Rev. J. M. Fulton, D. D. So rapid has been its growth that in numbers and interest manifested by the pupils, it already stands abreast with the older stations. The industrial department was opened January 1, and at the suggestion of the Freedmen's Board, your Board assumed the expense attending it. Miss Jennie Brownlee has had charge, and we are convinced that thorough, systematic work has been done. Miss Brownlee was called home on account of sickness, and Dr. Fulton sends the report, which we give, beginning with the financial statement:

RECEIPTS.

Check by Miss Sloan	$50 00
Check by Miss Sloan	30 00
Sale of garments	12 24
Total	$92 24

EXPENDITURES.

Partition for sewing-room	$18 94
Two chairs	2 00
Thread	50
Thimbles	2 09
Needles and pins	20
Scissors	9 60
Shoes	27 10
Press	8 00
Tables	6 25
Stools	4 50
Total	$79 18
Balance	$18 06

The industrial department opened Jan. 4, 1892, and has continued each school day since. The interest taken in learning to sew is surprising. The colored people have reached the point of intelligence that makes them long for better things. Their poverty is so great that they can do but little more than long for them. They hope, therefore, to be able to dress better by being able to make their own clothes. I am glad your board has undertaken industrial work in the missions. The gospel comes with greater power to this people, shut in on every side by prejudice, poverty and ignorance, when accompanied by a desire to make themselves dependent. It is our desire to open a kitchen and house keeping department next year. This all can be done by the one teacher with but little additional cost in running expenses. The school has been open four months; 120 pupils have been taught daily. These are divided into four divisions, each division spending an hour each day sewing. The pupils have been taught sewing from a straight seam to the making of a dress. The work has but begun and can be so carried as to prove a blessing to every pupil in the school.

Yours,

J. M. FULTON,

Norfolk, Va.

REPORT OF SEWING DEPARTMENT AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

"It is the design of the Sewing Department to fit our pupils for cutting, fitting, making and mending their own clothing. Our model system, which every pupil finishes before permitted to begin garment making, includes patching and darning. We have an excellent and very simple system of cutting and fitting, which has been taught to many of the girls. At the reduced rates allowed to schools, the cost of the cutting system is placed within the reach of all. We have taken into the sewing school, at their urgent request, more than fifty of our boys; many of whom have done excellent work, equal to the best work done by the girls. As they were but recently admitted, they are only finishing the model system, but many of them will make garments, which they are eager to do, before the close of the term. Throughout the year much interest has been taken in the work by all the pupils, and much good work has been done, not only on articles of wearing apparel, but also to some extent in fancy work, of which they are very fond.

Number of pupils enrolled, 298; number of girls enrolled, 242; number of boys enrolled, 56; number of classes, 13; average number in class, 23; daily sewing period, 40 minutes; time spent in sewing by each pupil per week, 1½ hours.

Owing to the number of pupils, all classes come in alternate days.

Amount of goods on hand at first of year, 300 yards; amount received from societies, 1,234 yards; amount purchased

here, 1,418 yards; amount now on hands, 600 yards; number of garments made, 715. To this number may be added, probably, one hundred more that will be made before the close of the term, as many more garments proportionately we made during the latter part of the term."

KATE JAMISON,
Industrial Teacher.

Rev. J. B. Work, principal at Norfolk, Va., in speaking of this department of work, says: "Nothing has done more to develop in our pupils that spirit of self-help and self-respect, so essential to true womanhood than this industrial training. One of the greatest needs of the colored people is to be taught to help themselves. There has been a wonderful improvement in our pupils in the matter of neatness and cleanliness, all of which is so essential in the formation of character."

MILLER'S FERRY, ALABAMA.

The mission at Miller's Ferry, Ala., formerly known as Prairie Bluff, has been under the care of Mrs. P. C. Cloud for several years. This mission appeals to us in a peculiar manner, it being right in the black belt; the people are specially ignorant and superstitious. A thirst for knowledge, however, has been created and a desire to improve their condition, both temporally and spiritually, is growing. On account of the lack of house room, they labored at great disadvantage, and but little could be accomplished heretofore in the sewing department. Your Board furnished the money with which an addition was made to the school building; this last year the sewing has gone on more auspiciously. Mrs. Cloud, wife of the Principal, has had charge, and we give her report:

You will see from my report of the material used in the industrial department, that the societies have taken great interest in the work this year. Much progress has been made, and the necessity for this kind of training is of the greatest importance. Our great demands for new material for the sewing school, and ready-made garments to meet the demands of poor families, have been very agreeably supplied by our Ladies' Missionary societies and friends. Number of yards of cloth purchased for sewing school, 710½. Have made 115 garments and tacked 15 pounds of carpet rags. There have been 80 girls in the sewing school. We have received all of our thread, needles and some new goods from missionary societies; also quilts and clothing. The clothing was distributed among the most needy families, a few garments sold sometimes making enough to pay the freight and purchase some new material for the sewing school.

"The garments made are sold for just what the cloth costs. As money is very hard to get, most of the garments are on hand. They will have to be sold for something, so as to keep the industrial department moving."

Yours in Christ,
AMERICA P. CLOUD,
Athens, Tenn.

ATHENS, TENN.

Mrs. Cook, the wife of the principal, reports that, for lack of space in their school building, the industrial feature had to be abandoned this year. They have three L. M. S., which sew to supply the *very* needy. A committee of three each month from members of this society, seek out the sick and helpless, relieving their distress as far as possible.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Of the Homes for little boys and girls at Knoxville, Tenn., there have been 42 in that for little girls; 28 supported by relatives; 12 by L. M. S. and individuals. Two young ladies are working their way through school. In the Little Boys Home, there were 21 little boys, two young men crowded out of the boarding hall, and two young women working for their board; 15 of the boys were supported by relatives and 6 by L. M. S., or individuals.

Miss Eliza B. Wallace, principal of boarding department, at Knoxville college, was given leave of absence from college duties in order that she might visit other colored schools through the

South, gleaning new ideas whereby more efficient work might be done, and also to visit societies and congregations in various parts of the church. By her desire, and at the official recommendation of the Freedmen's Board, Mrs. Tillie Scott has been traveling with her, your Board defraying traveling expenses. Mrs Scott is one of the Knoxville students, and has been teaching at Miller's Ferry during the past year. She is said to be a very intelligent, capable women, an earnest Christian and successful teacher. Miss Wallace's idea in having her go was to illustrate what is being done for the colored people in our mission schools. The experiment is certainly a success so far, as we have received letters full of enthusiasm over what they have seen and heard from these women, and financially the returns cover the outlay. No money is asked for, but the good friends of the cause insist upon taking collections to defray expenses. We hope much interest will be awakened by these visits, and as has been said to us, "seeing is believing and much more impressive than the simple reading of it." We expect much fruit in time to come.

The next report, though the last is far from being the least interesting, is that of Miss Sarah Dennison, our Bible reader, at Norfolk, Va. This is the fourth year Miss Dennison has been working in this capacity, and has all along been giving excellent service; but her report, which we now give, speaks for itself:

My field of labor in the immediate vicinity of the college has grown wonderfully during the last year. New houses are being built every day and new families moving in, and I find my hands full. I am glad it is necessary for you to have an annual report of my work. Were it not for this, I would not have taken the time to review the labors of the past year. When I look at the results, I see what a fruitful year the Lord has given me. It strengthens my faith in God, and I am encouraged to ask still *greater* blessings for the year to come. I thank God that his Holy Spirit guides me and has opened the way to many hearts and homes, and He has spoken through me to the salvation of many souls. During this year I have made 1376 visits, and since I began my work here, have made 4677 visits. This year 27 persons have been brought into our church through my influence. Others there are whom I was instrumental in bringing to Jesus, who united with other churches, and some have gone to the church triumphant in heaven. The mothers' meetings have been a power for good in our congregation this year. The *revival* came in answer to our prayers. Our prayers and efforts go together for those who are wayward, and also for those who are seeking the Saviour. Then it is encouraging to see the interest the children are taking in their meetings, in religious instruction and learning to pray. Some of them too, are working for the salvation of others. Sickness has prevailed to a great extent this year, so that it reqnired much of my time to visit the afflicted; yet in this way many souls were led into the Kingdom and God was glorified. In some cases of sickness, I have had whole families to provide for, for a time. One of these is a poor widow and her two children (she is one of our members). She has been unable to do anything for over a year, and has been at death's door for over a month. She has *no* means of support. I furnished physician, nurse, medicine, fuel, food, clothing and paid rent and tuition for her children, etc. All these things have also been furnished to others, and many times I have had to contribute towards burying the dead. Some of my good friends at home, assisted me in bearing the expense of this work. On Christmas I cooked a dinner of turkey, etc., for six poor families. If the unknown friend in Pittsburg, Pa., who sent me the $10 with the wish that it might help to make Chrisimas happier for *somebody*, could have gone with me when I carried their dinners to those poor ones, he would have felt that indeed "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Last June, on "Children's Day" my home school (1st church, Youngstown, Ohio), gave their offering to the widow and her two children whom I mentioned. This enabled me to start the children to school and I supplied the needs of the

family during my vacation. Then, while I was at home, our "King's Daughters" of the 1st church, Youngstown, O., made comforts, etc., for her bed.

"I now give you the names and amounts I have received: From an unknown friend, Pittsburg, Pa., $10; Young Ladies Missionary Society, 8th church, Pittsburg, Pa., $5; Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Applegate, Indianola, Ia., $10; Miss Frazier's Sabbath-school class (colored girls) Wilkinsburg, Pa., $9.25; Mrs. Jane Alexander, Sewickley, Pa., $2; Miss Mary Houston, Lowellville, O., $2; Children's Day offering, 1st church, Youngstown, O., $14.57; Thanksgiving offering, 1st church, Youngstown, O., $23.38; Miss Leenie Edie, 1st church, Youngstown, O., $4; Miss Ella Proctor's Sabbath-school class, 1st church, Youngstown, O, 51 cts.; Miss Maggie Dennison's Sabbath-school class, 1st church, Youngstown, O., $7; Mrs. George McKelvey, 1st church, Youngstown, O., $5; a friend for Rev. J. A. Campbell, Sewickly, Pa., $3.

In addition to this I have spent $70 of my own in the work. In no case have I given aid excepting when it seemed a real necessity. I wish also to acknowledge some fancy articles for our home given by the Shadyside Mission Band, Pittsburg, Pa.; also a box of quilts for the Home from the ladies of the congregation of Argyle, N. Y. I am indeed thankful to these kind friends for the assistance they have given me. May the blessing of the Lord, promised Psalm 41-1, be theirs.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH DENNISON.

You will notice we have given a full report of the industrial work for girls with; in several instances, remarks from the principal at stations with reference to the importance of this line of work to the colored people. While we have only been doing a very little in this direction, we thought it best to give a full report in order that you might grasp what is being done, with the possibilities for doing much more in this direction. Your Board, at the recommendation of the Freedmen's Board, unanimously agreed to recommend that our work for the Freedmen be largely concentrated upon "The Industrial Training for Girls." To explain more fully, that we pay the salaries of industrial teachers and provide the material necessary to keep the sewing schools going. There will be six sewing teachers and two teaching cooking, while it is expected that cooking will be taught at Henderson, as well as at Chase City and Knoxville. Six of these teachers will receive $50 a month and two $35. The school year being nine months, the salaries per year will be $3,330, while the other necessary expenses will probably average $100 a year to each school, making the total expense about $4,000 a year.

Can we do it? We feel certain that we not only *can*, but *will*, and thereby be doing a grand work for the Master, whose mission upon earth was always directed to the improving of the temporal as well as the spiritual well being of humanity.

In undertaking this work, do not forget any for which we were obligated before, viz: the salary of the Bible reader and the support of little boys and girls in the Knoxville Homes; also the sending of clothing. As you will observe when you see my report of clothing sent, there was a notable falling off in that direction this last year. It was with great difficulty that some of the pupils were kept in school on this account. Please send a little more liberally this coming year, and early in the school year as possible, so that they will know at the various stations what to depend on. Again, do not forget to put a slip of paper or card upon which the name of society and congregation is written. Then write both to the principal at mission and your corresponding secretary for information. If we could recount to you some of our experiences and difficulties, all in consequence of forgetting to follow out these directions, you would not wonder that we rehearse them with so much emphasis from year to year.

You will observe that some good friends, interested specially in the work of the Bible reader, have from time to time sent small contributions of money directly to Miss Dennison, to be used by her in relieving the very needy with whom she comes in contact. We feel quite certain the money was judiciously used, but as this Bible reader is supported through the Women's Board, and thus the Board becomes responsible for the maintenance of this whole work, it is earnestly requested that such contributions be sent to the treasurer of the Women's Board, designated accordingly, when they will be forwarded as designated for this work. This request is made in order that uniformity and harmony may be preserved in all *that* for which we women are responsible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Bal. '91'	Rec'd.	Dis'd.	Bal.
Fre'dm'n's Gen.		$3,519.20	$2,327.06	$1,192.14
L. G. Home Knox	$124.31	687.05	924.00	197.36
L. B. " "		148.95		148.95
Norfolk, Va.	79.89	200·50	614.89	125.50
Ind H'me Ch'se C		238.45	165.00	73.45

Clothing Sent and Reported to Board.

LITTLE GIRL'S HOME—KNOXVILLE, TENN.

L. A. S., 2d Church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl.
J. Y. P. S., 1st Church, Alle., Christmas box.
Ewing Mission Band, 6th Church, Pitt., sewing bags.
Mission Band, 1st Church Monmouth. 1 box, $14.

LITTLE BOYS' HOME, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Boys' and Girls' Mission Band, Waterford, Pa., bedding.
L. M. S., Wheatland, Ill., bedding.

ATHENS, TENN.

L. M. S., Cedarville, O., pkg bedding.
" " " Indiana, Pa., 1 bbl., $50.
" " " Verona, Pa., 1 bbl. clothing and new material.
" " " Taylorstown, Pa., 1 box.
" " " Unity, Westmoreland Co., Pa., 1 bbl., $60.
" " " 6th Church, Alle., Pa., 3 bbls. clothing, books and new material.

MILLER'S FERRY, ALA.

L. H. M. S., 1st Church, Alle., Pa., 1 box.
Y. L. M. S., 2d Church, Monmouth, Ill., 1 bbl.
L. A. S., 2d Church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl. bedding.
L. M. S. Mission of 1st Church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl., $28.
L. M. S. Camp Run and Wurtemberg, Pa., 1 box.
Sabbath-school, 6th Church, Pitt., Pa., 1 box and new material.
L. H. M. S., 1 Church, Alle., Pa., 1 pkg. $35.

CHASE CITY, VA.

L. M. S., Neshanock, Beaver Valley Presbytery, 1 bbl., $25.
L. H. M. S., 1st Church, Alle., Pa., 1 box new material, $13.39.
L. M. S. North Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 2 bbls.
" " " 3d Church, Alle., Pa., 2 bbls., $18.
" " " Hartstown, Pa., 1 box.
Y. L. M. S., 7th Church, Pitt., Pa., 1 box, $18.
Ladies Aid and Sewing Society, 2d Church, Alle., Pa., 2 bbls.
L. M. S., Worth, Pa., 1 box.
Y. L. M. S., 3d Church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl.
L. M. S., 1st Church, New Castle, Pa., 1 bbl., $25.
Sabbath-school, 6th Church, Pitt., Pa. 1 box; also sewing bags from Ewing Mission Band, same church.
L. M. S., Concordia, Kan., 1 quilt.

NORFOLK, VA.

L. M. S., Argyle, N. Y., 1 bbl. and 1 box, $20.
" " " Shadyside, Pitt., 2 bbls.
" " " Mechanicstown, O., 1 box.
" " " Andes, N. Y., 1 box.
" " " Bovina Centre, N. Y., 1 bbl., $25.
" " " Welda, Kan., 1 box bedding and new material, $10.
" " " 5th Church, Pitt., Pa., 1 bbl., $26.
L. H. M. S., 1 Church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl. and 1 pkg., $56.36.
L. M. S., 8th Church, Pitt., 1 bbl., $15.
" " " 6th Church, Pitt., 1 bbl. new material $31.
Ewing Mission Band, 1 pkg. new material, $5.
" " " Sewing bags.

BLUESTONE, VA.

L. M. S., Beaver Run, Pa., 1 box.
" " " Elizabeth, Pa., 1 bbl.
" " " Low Point, Ill., 1 box, $10.
" " " 1st Church, Washington, Ia., 1 bbl. new material and clothing, $25.

HENDERSON, N. C.

Y. L. M. S., New Concord, O., 1 box, $25.
" " " " Beaver, Pa., 1 bbl., $43.
" " " " North Chenango, Pa., 2 bbls., $60.
" " " " 8th Church, Alle., Pa., 3 bbls.
Missionary and Benevolent and Ladies Aid Society, 4th Church, Alle., Pa., 2 bbls.
L. M. S., Elderton, Pa., 1 box, $20.
Fulton Mission Band, 4th Church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl. and 1 box.
L. M. S., Neshanock, Pa., 1 pkg., $5.
" " " Sharon, Pa., 1 bbl., $22.
" " " Braddock, Pa., 2 bbls.
" " " Keokuk, Ia., 1 box, $117.
" " " Bovina Centre, N. Y., 1 bbl. $30.
" " " Hartstown, Pa., 2 bbls.
" " " Mt. Pleasant, O., 1 box.
" " " Detroit, Mich., 1 box, $50.
L. H. M. S. 1st Church, Alle., Pa., 2 boxes and 1 pkg.; also 22 pairs boy's pants, $109,29.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

L. M. S., Erie, Pa., rag carpet.
Boys' Mission Band, Tamarack, Ill., rag carpet.

Respectfully, submitted,
C. J. VINCENT, Cor. Sec'y.

Report of Magazine Committee.

How natural the enquiry, What shall I say in this annual report? Those who have had the MAGAZINE in charge have but one desire-to promote the cause of missions and to make the MAGAZINE a radiating center of light and information, whose wholesome influence will eventually reach those who are now "sitting in darkness and in the regions and shadow of death." As stewards of such an important interest, it is eminently proper, and pleasant too, that we give an account of our stewardship. By no means satisfied with results, the reflection that the Lord values purpose though it cannot work itself out into perfection has given composure and courage. We stand face to face with our answered prayers when we say the fifth year ends and the sixth begins with no decrease of means or influence. An excellent spirit of unity and friendship has been maintained with publishers, contributors and constituents, and your committee consider the MAGAZINE somewhat better furnished with facilities and experience than at any previous time, and that the years that are past are but those of hopeful promise, and that those to come will see the fulfillment of many cherished plans, for increasing usefulness as well as of blessing, which we hope will never be withdrawn. Even philanthropic and Christian work must resolve itself into a routine, requiring a quick pace, unflinching perseverance and exactness, to adjust it to the conditions of busy modern life. Twelve times the past year has the MAGAZINE been sent to something over five thousand homes, connecting these, telephone-like, with that holy brotherhood whose numbers are increasing in every land, and with our friends at home who have interpreted the Arabic proverb, "Paradise is as much for him who rightly uses the pen as for him who ses the sword," and who from time to time have favored the MAGAZINE with valuable contributions.

It would be a tedious task to attempt an explanation of the agencies that have been employed to bring about this happy condition. It would be an injustice to say that the improved educational and financial condition alone of our people explains this. Beyond question there has been growth and advance, both in the conception of duty and privilege, as also in the effort to meet the demand.

Are we claiming too much for the MAGAZINE when we say that *it* has been an important factor in awakening and maintaining a missionary spirit, creditably sustaining itself without an item of cost to the missionary boards of our church, the interests of which it equally and impartially commends and represents? Or, when we assert with some degree of knowledge and confidence that our Women's Auxiliary Board, as the executive agent of the General Missionary Society, could not have undertaken such an amount of work and reached such results as the annual report will show without its help? When the results at home and abroad are compared with the resources which have been entrusted to your committee, the great economy with which the work has been conducted will become apparent. For every five cents which has been received from subscriptions, pay for advertising, or as a gift, a copy of the MAGAZINE has been put in circulation. This includes not merely the cost of manufacture but also of distribution. And let me say, parenthetically, if you know of a better, cheaper agency for diffusing missionary intelligence, for bringing the uninterested into closer and more practical relations with mission work, and for scattering the reports of our women's work, I beg of you by all means to avail yourselves of it. Yet in the face of all

that has been said in its favor, and much more could be brought forward, there are congregations and societies into which the Magazine has not been introduced. (I recall one reporting 200 members where not a single subscription has ever been sent, and this is by no means a solitary example). In this, as in some other congregations, the *need* for it is yet an open question, and it has been condemmed without a trial. In others it seems to have been taken on "probation," but not into good and regular standing. In some, after being barely introduced, it has been left to its own momentum, instead of having the fostering care needed in every successful enterprise. These conditions, however, have been happily offset in many other societies where long lists have been beautifully kept from year to year in almost entirety. These furnish good reading to the committee.

We may have been too slow in pushing this work. Agents and advertisers crowd their wares in every conceivable manner into notice and patronage. Enlargement and success in any work admits of an unlimited amount of prudential energy. If the best way to secure interest in any enterprise is to take "stock" in it; if a "plant" is a thing to be protected at all costs, then let us heed the lesson of the hour, and let next year's work for the MAGAZINE begin today. "Make haste at the beginning," like the Teutonic on her ocean voyage, with the determination to make as well as "break the record." Every throb of that mighty engine from the moment it leaves the pier means power. With waving banners every favoring breeze is wooed and won to aid the speed. The desperate struggle some agents make after subscriptions have expired and names have been stricken from the list, emphasizes the need of promptness and energy in securing renewals. A circulation of a little over five thousand among missionary societies reporting 20,000 members needs no argument or appeal to show what should be done.

The way of the committee the past year has not been all rosy and picturesque; perplexing questions have arisen, disappointments when least expected; schemes of finance, which have troubled wiser heads than ours, have had to be carefully considered. Like the rivets which hold the complicated machinery in place, upon the most trivial circumstance depends the comfort and despatch of every kind of labor. This rule holds pre-eminently good in Magazine work. Transmitting tardily or incorrectly the name or address has occasioned delays and annoyances hard to explain. Over against this again—so ready has been the sympathy and charity that when letters of complaint or censure have come (and these have been very few) we have buried them deeply beneath a pile of pleasant things to hear. Possibly the magazine contains as many pages as the average busy woman reads, and quite as many as the low subscription price will afford, yet you would be "moved with compassion" as your editors each month industriously try to make "space" for one more article, and as the publisher pushes up or tears down to insert a belated notice or report. For lack of space, piles of good things from our own contributors, and from our valued exchanges, accumulate upon our desk, never to see the light or reach your homes. The financial result of the year's work will soon be set before you by our Treasurer. Our subscribers and friends of missions at large may rejoice with us over the vantage ground already gained. They have been large contributors and should be sharers in the success. The MAGAZINE is yours, dear friends. You have the opportunity to widen its sphere, and by your prayers and efforts increase its usefulness a hundred fold, and if the publishing com-

mittee were in your place they certainly would.

In submitting this report the committee extends a most hearty greeting and adds what I have read as a true oriental wish—"May your tribe (of subscribers) increase."

MRS. W. C. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Report of Church Extension Parsonage Fund For Year Ending April 15, 1892.

As we review the work of the past year in this Department we can but exclaim "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

1st. Our investments, which were at first a venture, are, in a business way, successes.

2nd. They have cheered and comforted the heart of the missionary, and so strengthened his hands for the work.

3d. We have been able to render satisfactory aid to the Board of Church Extension. The Corresponding Secretary's words are: "Allow me to express the satisfaction of the Board of Church Extension has had in its dealings with the Women's Board. The present arrangements are very satisfactory to us."

The applications receiving favorable consideration from your Board were Colorado Springs and Findlay, O. Both very important and needy missions.

In the already great and rapidly growing city of Colorado Springs, the missionary found his work very much hindered on account of frequent removals, and his inability to pay the increasing rents.

In this emergency the purchase of a lot and the erection of a well planned house gave him a permanent and comfortable home at a little more than a reasonable rent, and every payment brings the property so much nearer the possession of the congregation as a free home for the pastor. $4200 were invested—$1800 for the lot and $2400 for the house. This sum was loaned at 2 per cent, payment to be made in 12 yearly installments—$395 per year, payable quarterly, the trustees giving their notes, secured by a mortgage on the property, for the payment of the loan. They have already repaid the following amounts, viz: January 22nd, $87.50; March 14th, $15.00; (May 2nd, $87.50. This payment does not come properly in this year's report, but shows how well they are paying, and as I said before, how successful the investment.)

In the manufacturing city of Findlay, O., the missionary had very much the same experience. Finding himself about to be set adrift, the landlord requiring immediate possession of the house in which he lived, he knew not what to do; here also rents had so advanced that it was not possible for him to continue in the field and pay the heavy out-lay.

The Board of Church Extension had bought a fine corner lot for the mission, on which there was ample room for a pastor's residence. Thus the parsonage only cost the building, and was erected at a less cost because the church was being built at the same time; $2.000 was the loan, at the same rate, time and security as Colorado Springs. It affords me great pleasure to report the first payment on this investment.

In both cases the sum required was large, but they are in cities where building is quite expensive, and where on this account, a parsonage is more important to the missionary.

Spokane parsonage, which was reported a year ago, has made three payments. 1st, August 8th, $82.40; 2nd, November 25th, $82.40; 3d, February 8, $82.40

Thus you see the money is coming

back again into the hands of your Board to be loaned to others.

One of the special trials of the Home missionary's work is the difficulty in securing a permanent and suitable home. In his living, as in his clothing, the pastor must remember his professional position. He is so related to the congregation that his manner of life affects its influence in the community. It is also necessary for him to have a home convenient to his work, suitable for the reception of the members of the congregation and other guests and free from liability to move. In many places it is impossible to secure this without either the pastor or the congregation becoming the owner of the property.

In growing places rents are steadily and often rapidly advancing, but as the salary seldom advances in a like proportion, the pastor is as steadily pushed back from his work, and sometimes compelled to leave it altogether.

One pastor in the northwest recently wrote urgently setting forth the importance of a parsonage to the success of his work. Before the case could be met by the Board he wrote again that the property had been sold, and he had been compelled to vacate on short notice. "The house we are living in has been sold and we have to move to-morrow. Out here we have to rent houses subject to sale, so we are liable to be set out on the street at any time. This is our third move in a little over a year. If we stay here we must have a house." So he was compelled to buy a lot and build, borrowing part of the money on a mortgage.

A missionary in an important city in Pennsylvania, writes: "I am anxious to get some arrangement made to build a parsonage along with the chapel, as in that case the cost would be less. I have moved four times in ten months."

All those who have thus secured homes are loud in their praise of the arrangement.

By this plan of building parsonages the missionary and his family are made comfortable, the mission is permanently helped, and the funds of the Board of Home Missions are saved. The annual payments on the parsonage being less than the rent would be, there is a saving. Otherwise a large appropriation would be necessary. As one has said: "It is a financial saving to the Home Mission Board. If I had to pay $225 or $250 *more* annually for a house to live in, we would have to ask the Board of Home Missions for just that much more each year." Is it not then, in view of all the circumstances, good financial policy to build such parsonages?

And now, if you approve of this work, will you not show your approval by granting us larger means? In the name of the missionary, in the name of the church, in the name of the Master, we make this appeal.

Financial Statement.

PARSONAGE FUND.

Received during the year ending April 15, 1892		$3,929 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Colorado Springs	$4,200 00	
Findlay, Ohio	2,000 00	$6,200 00
Overdrawn		$2,270 25

CHURCH EXTENSION—SPECIAL.

Balance on hand April 16, 1891	$ 29 00	
Received during the year ending April 15, 1892	615 86	$644 86

PAYMENTS.

Western sufferers	$ 15 00	
South Omaha Mission	27 25	
Cass Street S. S. Omaha	10 00	
Cooper Memorial College	65 00	
Rev. J. Ambrose Wilson	15 00	
Shadyside Church, Pittsburg	57 14	
Lincoln, Neb	24 50	
Pueblo Mission	141 67	
Columbus, O	5 00	
Ellwood Church	5 00	
33rd Street Church, Pittsburg	10 00	
Second Wilkinsburg	10 00	
Tacoma	136 22	
Spokane Falls Church	20 00	
Seattle	89 08	$630 86
Balance April 16, 1892		$ 14 00

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE H. GILLESPIE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Thank-Offering Service.

Address by Mrs. R. S. Finley, Xenia, O.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase."

"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses burst out with new wine." Prov. 3: 8–9.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3: 10.

Offerings to the Deity have, since the world began, been an essential part of religious worship. Beginning with Genesis, we find the offerings of Cain and Abel; from that on the giving of tithes is found running through the patriarchal ages, and the tithes and offerings engrafted upon the Hebrew worship seems to be an adaption of an ancient religious custom. There was no grace more carefully enforced. or more earnestly cultivated, among the Jewish people than the grace of giving. Their offerings were as varied as the occasion, and the manner of making them was regulated by law in every particular.

The tithe was required by the Almighty as Creator and sovereign of the universe, and remains a religious obligation to this day, but the free-will offering was then as now a spontaneous and unregulated expression of thankfulness and joy. The tithe was law! To give a tenth was duty! But the pious Hebrew was bound by no limit when the cause of Jehovah appealed to his heart. At such times, gold, silver, jewels, precious woods and spices, things the most costly and the most beautiful, were given with every expression of religious joy. Free-will offerings were made on special occasions; notable as such is this description of offerings for the Tabernacle:

"And they came every man and womon, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and rings, and ear-rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold, every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

"And all women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

"And all the women whose hearts stirred them up in wisdom spun goats hair.

"The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman whose heart made them willing to bring, for all manner of work which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses." Exodus 35: 22, 25, 26, 29.

There is a touching suggestiveness in the offerings made by the women. We read: "As many as were willing hearted brought bracelets, and rings, and ear-rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold." These, their precious ornaments, the "willing hearted" gave with a lavish hand; but there were others who are called "wise hearted." These probably had no jewels to give; they too wished to share in this act of love. These did spin with their hands, and brought what they had spun of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

The "willing hearted" gave her most beautiful things—the jewels with which she adorned her person. Many of these may have been heirlooms, made doubly precious by tender associations.

The "wise hearted" gave of her strength. She probably rose early and toiled late; and we may imagine many

thoughts of love toward the Author of her being were woven into warp and woof, and that she joyed as the rich colors grew under her hands. To these women, "wise hearted" as they were, it was not given to know that the blue typified the love of the coming Christ; the red his blood to be shed on Calvary; and the purple, a union of red and blue, his royal dignity at the right hand of the Father.

The Tabernacle passed with the nomadic habits of the Jews. Their enlargement into a nation required the splendor of a Temple. The preparations of David for building the Temple, his own splendid offering, and those of his princes and chief captains, are described thus:

"Now I have prepared with all my might, for the house of my God, the gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood, onyx stones and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colors and all manner of precious stones in abundance. "Moreover because I have set my affections to the house of my God, I have of my own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

"Even three thousand talents of the gold of ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the house withal.

"The gold for things of gold, the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers; and who is there willing to consecrate his service unto the Lord? Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and captains o-thousands and hundreds with the rulers over the king's work, offered willingly.

"Then the people rejoiced for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. And David the king also rejoiced with great joy." 1 Chron. 29: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9.

What a precious thought it is that the "willing hearted," the "wise hearted," those whose "hearts stir them up" to the service of the Lord, are not now, as then, confined to our favored nation; but the trophies of God grace are now drawn from every kingdom, tongue, nation, and people. This recalls a wonderful experience—a picture that was given to the inner vision of one who described it thus:

"The household was wrapped in slumber. I alone lay wakeful, meditating upon the Christian's work for Christ. Without volition or self consciousness, I looked forth upon a wide extended plain. The air was filled with a soft incandescent light. Slowly a magnificent temple revealed itself. Words cannot picture its majestic proportions, symmetry and grace; here and there great spires seem to touch the sky; a little lower tower, dome, cupola, and minaret sprang to unequal heights; great pillars, carved like those of Baal-Beck, seemed wrought into the wall; here and there cathedral windows glowed with gorgeous coloring; in front, a great door magnificent with carving; beyond, steps and columns like the Parthenon. Every species of architecture, Greecian, Egyptian, Moorish, Doric, Gothic, ancient and modern, all were represented, and all blended in the most perfect harmony. Immense, majestic, beautiful beyond description, the building stood completed! The next moment the building from foundation to loftiest spire was covered with builders. Here came a child with a pebble and placed it upon the shining wall; there, a stalwart man bearing a great block of marble. Here a lady with a jewel, near an old black auntie, with a bit of brick; beyond, a red Indian, a Spaniard, a Mohammedan, a Turk. Look where I would,

old and young, rich and poor, white and black, girls and boys, young men and maidens,—all were placing their offering upon the building. Some stood upon the ground; others were borne up by the palpitating air. Every kingdom, tongue, nation, and people were represented, and as each deposited their offering, let it be what it might, it became a part of the building, harmonious and resplendent.

A moment and another change. The whole building was composed of human beings. Side by side they stood, in every conceivable attitude of grace, men and women, old and young, little and big, with arms entwined and hands clasped. From wall to dome and spire the eye rested upon glorified faces, smiling lips, and beaming eyes.

As I gazed it seemed spoken to my inner thoughts, "This is the temple of the living God." The picture was gone. Immediately the words of Peter came to mind, "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Let us draw inspiration from this wonderful scene. In it every believer was faithfully doing his or her part, and the smallest offering had its place in the magnificent building, and was glorified in its acceptance. The temple, though complete from the beginning, is still being built by the loving service of God's people, and at last the glorified worker becomes part of the very temple of God.

What a sacred privilege! What a glorious heritage is ours! Let our hearts go out in gratitude for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom. Our place as Christian women in the Christian church is far beyond that of the Jewish woman, as a free gospel is beyond the Jewish ceremonial law. But in the grace of giving we may well emulate our Hebrew sisters.

This is our high festival—a time set apart for the gathering of our thank-offerings from north, south, east and west. We have, I am sure, "done what we could." But as we pour into God's treasury a portion of the bounty with which he has enriched our lives, let us remember the dark places of the earth, the lives of women and children who are "without God, and without hope in the world," and gather inspiration for greater liberality and larger service.

Report of Thank-Offering Committee, Women's General Missionary Society, Philadelphia, Pa., May 12 1892.

Name of Presbytery.	Amount.
Allegheny	$900 00
Argyle	131 20
Arkansas Valley	31 86
Beaver Valley	235 43
Big Springs, Guinston Congregation	14 20
Brookville	35 00
Butler	92 33
Caledonia	51 18
Cedar Rapids	103 58
Chartiers	440 75
Chicago	186 00
Chillicothe	71 00
Cleveland	75 00
College Springs	80 95
Colorado	86 60
Conemaugh, Johnstown Congregation	3 25
Delaware	106 33
Des Moines	120 00
Detroit	56 50
Frankfort	17 00
Iowa—North Western	16 00
Illinois—Central	39 70
Illinois—Southern	135 65
Indiana	105 86
Kansas City	20 00
Keokuk	168 00
Lake	331 10
Le Claire	86 28
Los Angeles	22 50
Mansfield	45 25
Mercer	88 75
Monmouth	275 68
Monongahela	2,008 00
Muskingum	83 55
New York	119 20
Ohio—First	279 06
Omaha	151 60
Oregon	76 25
Pawnee	106 64
Philadelphia	225 00
Princeton	110 58
Rock Island	127 85
Sialkot	30 00
Sidney	141 00
Steubenville	165 00
Westmoreland	510 04
Wheeling	179 25
Wisconsin	34 60
Xenia	306 00
W. D. Robertson, South Argyle, N. Y., in memory of his wife, Mrs. Jeannetta Robertson	50 00
Rev. W. R. Gray, Cabin Hill, N. Y., in memory of his wife	5 00
The sisters of Miss Jennie Hollis, Philadelphia, in her memory	10 00
A friend of Missions, Elvira, Iowa	100 00
'A friend' on account of a pair hand-knitted hose	10 00
Missionary and family	5 00
Unknown friend	1 50
A pair of kid gloves	1 50
Mrs. Robert Traver, Elvira, Iowa	5 00
Mrs. Foster and Jennie Curry, Ogden, Utah	5 00
Mrs. Paul G. Spener, Portland Mills	2 00
J. E. Wishart	5 00
Mrs. M. J. Douthett, Lebanon Congregation	1 00
	$9,027 50

Respectfully submitted,
VIRGINIA HASTINGS, Chairman.

Designation of Thank-Offering for 1892.

NAME OF PRESBYTERY.	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Salary.	Foreign Training Schools.	Medical Work in India, Dr. Johnson.	Home Missions.	Women's Home Missionaries Salary.	Warm Springs Indian Mission.	Freedmen's Mission.	Athens, Tennessee.	Library, Knoxville College.	Ministerial Relief.	Tacoma and Seattle.	Watt Lane Mission Pittsburg, Pa.	Orphans' Home.	Aged Peoples' Home.	Memorial Hospital, Allegheny, Pa.	Life Membership in W. G. M. S.	Church Extension.	Parsonage Fund.	Church Extension and Parsonage.	Missions where Needed the Most.	TOTAL.
Allegheny	$	$		$116 00	$	$100 00	$	$	$	$ 33 00	$	$	$	$ 5 00	$ 50 62	$	$ 25 00	$	$	$	$	$ 329 62
Beaver Valley														5 00	45 00							50 00
Brookville								35 00														35 00
College Springs	6 23	5 75			6 22																	18 20
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Detroit	9 00				25 00																	34 00
Illinois Central															15 50							15 50
Kansas City												16 00										16 00
Keokuk									3 00													3 00
Lake							64 45															64 45
Le Claire	16 40				4 00		7 75													8 00		36 15
Los Angeles							6 40															6 40
Mercer					8 00	9 00									16 75							28 75
Monongahela	15 00		32 50										50 57	65 00	226 50	51 00	25 00					465 57
Muskingum					20 00						15 00								11 50			46 50
Ohio-First						43 33																43 33
Omaha	15 00					71 50																86 50
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Westmoreland	8 00				6 00			4 00							28 00			6 00				52 00
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Report of Thank-Offering Committee.

The "Thank-Offering" of May, 1891, $6,185.54, was distributed as designated; the remainder thendivided between the four departments of mission work. It is included in the report read, and is as follows:

Life Membership	$ 225 00	
Dr. White's Hospital, India	100 00	
Dr. Johnson's Hospital, India	44 00	
Aged People's Home	519 40	
Orphans' Home, Allegheny	100 00	
Church Ex., Special—Shadyside	57 14	
Church Ex., Special—Pueblo	10 00	
Rev. J. Ambrose Wilson	15 00	
Ministerial Relief	13 00	
Publishing Minutes of W.G.M.S.	5 00	
Foreign	1,268 00	
Home	1,268 00	
Freedmen's	1,238 00	
Church Ex. and Parsonage	1,303 00	$6,185 54

Thanksgiving---Reasons for Thanksgiving.

BY MRS. J. B. CARRUTHERS, XENIA, O.

Thanksgiving, in common parlance, is the act of expressing gratitude for favors or mercies received—hearty and cheerful acknowledgment of temporal and spiritual benefits bestowed on ourselves or on others. Surely then the exercise this evening is an act of Christian duty as well as of beauty, in that it shows respect to the Author of our being, the source of all blessing, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Thanksgiving and praise go "hand in hand;" twin sisters, nurtured by the same divine influences, and go forth together on the same mission of love; golden threads that run through every duty. The psalms abound in thanksgiving and praise, particularly those penned by David near the close of his life. In one he says:

"To render thanks unto the Lord
It is a comely thing,
And to thy name, O! thou most High;
Due praise aloud to sing."

And again,

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."

The first thanksgiving of which we have an account was when the "Morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." In other words, the angels of God in the morning of time celebrated the creation in joyful shouts of thanksgiving, and the more we abound in humble, thankful, joyful praise, the more we do the will of God as they do it. The last thanksgiving will be when all God's children, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, shall be united into one family to dwell with Him for ever more in His kingdom.

We have frequent mention in both the Old Testament and the New of thanksgiving exercises. Moses and the children of Israel, and afterwards Miriam and the women, sang songs of thanksgiving after their safe passage through the Red Sea, Exodus 15th chapter; and in the 35th chapter of the same book we have an account of the contributions made for the erection of the Tabernacle and the willingness of the people who offered; verses 22, 25 and 26: "And they came both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought their offerings unto the Lord. And all the women who were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue and of purple, and of scarlet; and all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goat's hair." Again, David's prayer of thanksgiving, 1st Chron. 29 chapter, when the people contributed so cheerfully for the building of the Temple. He is thankful for the grace given him and them in this voluntary service, and he expresses it in language humble and devout; verses 13 and 14: "We thank thee and praise thy glorious name. But who am I and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all this come of thee and of thine own have we given thee." Also when Hezekiah cleansed, Josiah repaired and Zerubbabel rebuilt the Temple, the people expressed their gratitude by bringing thank-offerings. Can you give an instance where a willing heart is separated from a thankful heart? To my mind the two walk together so closely they blend into one.

In the New Testament we find *prayer* and thanksgiving closely allied. Asking a blessing on food is called thanksgiving, as in it we acknowledge God's kindness in supplying such provisions. In this Christ is our great exemplar, as mentioned on several occasions. Paul also repeatedly mingles thanksgiving with his prayers; one of many in Phil. 4 and 6: "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." The prayer of the Pharisee was rejected because it consisted of thanksgiving alone

—thankful that he was better than any one else; formal, hypocritical, fancied superiority to others—in fact no prayer at all.

Reasons why we as individuals and as a society should be thankful: Will it be possible for me to enumerate as individuals? They are beyond computation. I know not where to begin or where to end. I presume there is not one in this audience who could not give at least three reasons in half as many minutes. Try it mentally and see. For the time I will be a mind reader; will then give a "resume" and see how we agree.

We should be thankful that our lives were spared on our journey hither. The eye that never slumbers nor sleeps watched over us in the darkness of night, and the Hand Divine that ever protects His children guided through mountain and valley, dangerous pass and circuitous winding. Many of us have come from far away homes. Our lives were apparently at the mercy of the engineer and his machinery, but God, who is rich in mercy, *over*-ruled, and we are *here*. We should be thankful for health and all its blessings and comforts. This is a boon when possessed that we do not fully appreciate until we are deprived of it. Then let those who enjoy it be thankful, and those deprived remember that the children of God are purified by suffering in *some* form. "The peak that is nearest the storm cloud is nearest the stars of light."

We should be thankful for our mental faculties and reasoning powers. Can we imagine anything more sad than the human mind in ruins? If doubted, go to any of our state asylums for the insane, and see those made in the image of God, with bodies "fearfully and wonderfully made," but with reason dethroned and faculties shattered.

We should be thankful that God in His goodness has given us this beautiful world, so fair and bright, so full of splendor and joy, light and beauty; with its rivers and its brooks, its towering mountains and plains of living green, its grottos and canons, all for utility or admiration, and if wisely directed and studied, leading the mind of man "from nature up to Nature's God;" for even the works of nature are made to praise and honor their creator. The oaks and maples near my own home reach their branches heavenward and seem to say, "Glorify God, thank Him and praise His name." I believe too that God has put it in the mind of man to cultivate the arts and sciences for His glory. Think of the influence of the printing press, the steam engine, the telescope, electricity and a host of other discoveries. Poetry, music, painting and sculpture, when limited, are sources of pleasure and exert a refining influence on the mind and character. Yet all have their origin in the Great Architect, and to Him we should be thankful. So there is nothing wrong with the world. The Hand that made it is Divine, but sin like a canker has entered and corrupted its fair face, and as it has this stigma let us be thankful there is a world more beautiful still, void of sin and suffering, which we may reach by way of the atonement.

"If God hath made this world so fair
Where sin and death abound,
How beautiful beyond compare
Will Paradise be found."

We should be thankful for our homes and firesides, doubely thankful for Christian homes and family altars. Can we who are members of Christ's family imagine how they could be happy who rise betimes but ask no blessing on their work? Who lie down late but render no thanks for the mercies and favors of the day? "Gifts are sent unsought, but the Giver goes unthanked." Children are strictly taught to say, "Thank you" to earthly friends, and it is right; but how much more from the Heavenly Friend who alone can withhold or bestow?

We should be thankful that our dwellings have been cast in this land of gospel light and gospel privileges. Surely "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, yea we have a goodly heritage." Let us humbly feel our responsibility and be thankful; in this connection thankful for an open Bible, "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, complete and free, without mulitation from the devotees of "higher criticism," whose aim is to take away the very foundations of truth and result in the overthrow of genuine faith and divine religion; thankful for the Westminster Catechism and the Westminster standards, batteries which give such wholesome shocks, and thankful that God is giving strength and courage to those ministers and people who are contending for these God given principles.

Above all things we should be thankful for the priceless gift of the Son of God, who exchanged the abode of heaven for this world of sin; who bore the griefs and carried the sorrows of His children, and who died upon the cross that they might live. Can we conceive greater love than this? How can we express our gratitude? Devoutly let us be thankful for creation, preservation, and all the blessings of life, and above all for His inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Allow me to present to your mind's eye two pictures—Gratitude and Ingratitude, in order: An old lady who, no difference how great the calamity that might befall, was always thankful it was no worse. One day her only child, a son, was brought to her felled by the hand of a murderer. Many were curious to know if she would repeat her familiar expression. After recovering from the shock, sure enough, came the words, "I am thankful it is no worse." How could it be worse said a friend?" ,'Worse if my son had been the murderer," said the grief-stricken woman. This is a true story, and well for us if we could imitate it. Picture No. 2:—Esop in one of his fables tells of a farmer who found a snake under a hedge stiff and frozen with cold. He had compassion on it, and taking it up placed it in his bosom. The snake on being thawed by the warmth quickly revived, when resuming its natural instincts, bit its benefactor, inflicting on him a mortal wound. How many human beings are alike ungratefull.

As a society, in addition to the above, we should be thankful that although numerous evils are still extant, such as intemperance, Sabbath desecration and worldly mindedness, yet we as Christian women have the privilege of using our influence by word and resolution and be a power in their overthrow; that the gospel and the Bible are now sent into all lands, and that we, members of this convention, have the privilege of helping. Many of us have been sowing seed for years, and some have been in at the reaping, thankful that even one seed among the hundred has brought forth fruit for the Master.

When Christ sent out His disciples to do His work one injunction was, "Freely ye have received freely give." In nature the flowers receive from the sun, the soil the air and the rain. They give back beauty and perfume. The birds are supplied from God's liberal hand; they give back cheerful songs of praise. Man receives most. We have been receiving ever since we had a being. What do we give back? We should give heart, soul, mind, strength, everything, and remember that,

"Straight is the line of duty,
Curved is the line of beauty;
Follow the first and you shall see
The second following after thee."

The service closed with David's thanksgiving prayer as found in I Chron. 29; 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 20, the audience standing reverently during the reading.

Evangelistic and Medical Work in the Foreign Field.

BY MISS ELLA O. KYLE.

You have noticed that in our mission reports we have the work arranged and divided into six departments—namely, congregational and evangelistic work educational work, Sabbath-schools, zenana work, book distribution and medical work. I shall speak only of two of these departments of work, evangelistic and medical work.

Let us quote some of Christ's commands to His disciples. In John's gospel it is written, "I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit," In Mark, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In Matt. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." In Isaiah, we have God's assurance of success in evangelistic work—"The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." In Romans it is said of evangelistic workers, "Their sound went into all the earth." There is a special promise made to Egypt: "In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord." Evangelism, as a missionary factor is the pioneer agency of all mission work, for the one absorbing aim in all real mission work is to bring our fellowmen to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to profess their faith in Him. If our educational agency is to produce its full results, it must be supplemented by an evanglaastic agency, working side by side and in visible connection with it. Every college centre ought to be an evangelistic centre. It is the evangelist that breaks up the fallow ground and is the great disseminator of the truth. This department of work in our mission field in Egypt is controlled by a committee, which corresponds somewhat to the Board of Missions in connection with the General Assembly. This committee consists of seven members, two of whom are missionaries (one of whom is made chairman); the others are native pastors and elders. The committee convenes four times during the year and arranges work (which is submitted to presbytery for sanction) for the following workers—licentiates, theological students and evangelists. And it also has a general supervision of all church work. The work of this committee is very extensive and is by no means a light work, especially for the one who is chairman. The workers have to be notified of their places of work, and this requires an extensive correspondence. Most of the workers of these various agencies are expected to conduct services on the Sabbath and prayer-meetings every night except Saturday night. Also these workers draw their salaries monthly or quarterly from the chairman of the committee, and that involves accounts, such as receiving and giving out monies. It is expected of the colporteurs that while they are selling the truth they will tell of it to whom they have an opportunity. We have colporteurs visiting towns selling Bibles where we have no organized work going on. And they are often the means of opening up a town for evangelistic work. These different agencies used in evangelistic work are carried on systematically, and reports of the work are handed in at the end of every quarter. And at the close of the year there is a great compiling of reports; and all this work is in addition to the missionary's regular work, which has become so extensive that it alone is sufficient work for one missionary. During last year there were 144 stations

where educational and evangelistic work was carried on, thirteen of them having been opened up during the year. The workers employed for the direct preaching and teaching the gospel (and thus coming under this department of work) were as follows. Native pastors 13, liceentiates 7, theological students 19, zenana teachers 33, other employees of presbytery 10, making a total of 82 native workers. This brings me to my second topic, "Medical Work."

Our Saviour by His work while here upon earth has given us a perfect character and example of a medical missionary. And He might be called the first medical missionary. He not only cured and healed sin-sick souls, but He healed the body of all manner of diseases. Medical work in many places is the most successful pioneer agency of evangelistic work. The medical missionary reaches all classes of people and has an opportunity of preaching the gospel to each one, and thus can reach the masses more than any other agency or department of work. To-day nearly every equipped mission has one or more physicians constantly engaged in medical work, and not a few ordained clergymen have also a medical education and attend the sick and dispense medicine, particularly in their travels from one station to another. The rapid development of this enterprise, as a prime factor in mission work, is wonderful, and we should pray for a greater enlargement of the work and should more heartily support this very important department of our Christian propaganda. Christ, in equipping His disciples for their great evangelistic work, gave them power and commissioned them "both to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." And in one of Christ's orders to His disciples He gives medical work the precedence, although joined with preaching, (Luke x-7) just as in the labors of the missionary physicians of to:day. The history of missions shows that where a union of evangelistic and medical effort exists greater success is achieved than by preaching alone.

Let us turn our thoughts to the needs of medical work in our mission fields. The science of medicine has made little or no advancement in the eastern countries, and those who profess to practice the art of healing are ignorant of the very principles of medicine, and their methods of treating disease are often barbarous in the extreme, and when sickness is not allowed to take its course by neglect, the suffering is sadly aggravated by careless or improper attentions, if not by positive cruelty. In many of the towns in our mission fields there are no doctors, and often the missionaries have to take their children long distances for medical aid, while the natives cannot do that, and their sick ones die. If I could tell you all the cruelties shown to sick ones that I have seen, your hearts would be softened to pity. I have visited sick beds in Egypt where the sick had been lying for three or four weeks suffering from typhoid fever. No physician was in attendance and no civilized or intelligent means had been used for recovery, all that had been done was applying some simple, superstitious remedy of their own concoction. The face, hands and body had not been washed or bathed once since the person had taken ill, and the face was so covered with filth that it was difficult to know what was the original color. Instead of washing the body of this external filth they gave the person all the water they wished to drink. The clothing of the fevered one had never been changed.

The bed was a hard, cotton mattress, placed on the floor, and a much harder cotton pillow; no sheets or pillow-slips to freshen up the bed. And instead of the sick one lying in a quiet room away from the noise and disorder of our Egyptian court, she was either in the court or

in a room near by, and the room was filled with friends and relatives. There was no thought or feeling for the sick one, as to how the noise might effect her. And as I have asked those sitting by, "What are you doing for her?" They would reply with a shrug of the shoulders, "What can we do? The Lord will cure her if it is His will." I ask, "Does she eat." They answer; "No, she will not eat." Perhaps, before I have left the house, I have found out that they have been giving her salt fish and anything that she desires to eat. And I have often found, under the pillow, bits of cheese, olives, doughnuts, and different kinds of fruits and candies, which the sick one had been eating at liberty, and her fever was intensely high. My inclination has always been to do something for the patient, but scarcely dared to do anything, for they would not follow out my suggestions, and if they did, and the person died, they would say that I had killed her. But if it was a physician and the fact, that he was a Christian physician, their confidence would be won and his commands obeyed in a great many cases. These people know not how to care for a sick one. It is most cruel to see them lift a weak, helpless body. When one is near to death the friends gather in, and, instead of talking to the dying person of death and their soul's welfare, they flatter and try to encourage the sick one that she is going to get well. So the person dies without a word of comfort for her soul. Here is a field for medical missionary work. He has an opportunity to save a soul. The heathen are strong believers in superstition, and often they resort to magical cures. I knew a woman who was lying at the point of death. After all their simple remedies had failed, they sent for a conjurer to come. He began his mode of curing, which was writing some sentences and then have the patient repeat what he had written. The woman was sinking fast, and was so weak that she could scarcely repeat the words, and died in a few minutes. So it seems that witchcraft and superstition have such an influence over the heathen mind that nothing will destroy its effects, but a more enlightened Christian way of healing the body. Relieving suffering wins peoples' confidence. Dr. Graham, of India, says: "Most of the natives of India have more confidence in physicians from Christian countries, especially missionaries; and while the government dispensaries give medicine freely, the natives are afraid of them. Especially is this true of women."

The progress of our medical Mission in India is wonderful. It was began in the year 1887, and our two medical missionaries there, report for last year's work, having treated 42,961 patients, and performed many operations. A Christian hospital is a Christian home for the sick, and its influence is a lasting one. It is often the means of turning many a heathen sufferer to thinking about Christianity. We often hear the testimony of those, who have lain sick in a hospital. "O! how kind they were to us. I know they are Christians. They talked to us about our soul's welfare." I cannot conceive of a nobler institution than a Christian hospital in a heathen country. No more convincing proof of the divine origin and truth of religion can be given to unbelievers, than the benevolent institutions which it has established everywhere. Experience has proved the efficacy of medical work in the spread of the gospel. It has placed thousands of people who were enemies of the missionaries, under obligations to them, which are long remembered, and are often the motives for friendly assistance.

The efforts to relieve bodily suffering are preparatory to the higher work of saving the soul. Other missions lay great stress on their medical missions;

and why should not we?

Dr. Henry is doing a noble work in Egypt, and Drs. White and Johnson are doing a noble work in India. These different dispensaries, which have their Bible readers to read and talk to the patients, as they wait for treatment, reach a class of people who would not come to our churches. Hearing the truth read, often leads them to inquiry and then opens up the way for their coming to our meetings. The door for medical missions is open, and these ignorant people are ready to believe and desire to be cured in an enlightened way.

Dear sisters, in closing I wish to make an appeal for Egypt. The work in every department has increased greatly in the last year, and yet the workers are few comparatively, and their strength is overtaxed. We need more missionaries, both gentlemen and ladies, so that we can occupy the field more fully. The work needs more liberal support, so that we can open up new stations. Winning souls to Christ is a most glorious soul satisfying work—a work that the missionaries love. Yes, I love it as I do my own soul. Dear sisters, will not some of you go out with us to Egypt? Will you not enlist as good soldiers in the great warfare of winning souls to Christ? Dear mothers, will you not give your daughters to the great work? Will you not consecrate them to the Lord's service? Listen to God's benediction upon all consecrated workers in His vineyard. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

Home Missions.

BY MRS. HATTIE SPICER, COLORADO SPRINGS, COL.

All Christians in America should be interested in, and loyal to, home mission work. We will take a patriotic view. This government was planted on deeper, broader, foundation than Plymouth Rock. We love to sing of home and native land. This land was preempted for Christ and His salvation.

"God lays with wiser hand than man's,
The corner stones of liberty."

Our cherished civil institutions are planted on the word of God, and only by the maintenance of the precepts of the word is the perpetuity of our nation assured. "God rules the nations, and guides the worlds His hands have made." Dr. Lyman Abbott says, "In the long array of heroes and statesmen who have fought and suffered to advance human liberty, from the days of Moses to those of Grant, there is not to be found a single atheist." They hate a republican form of government. Matthew Arnold says, "America holds the future," and we were told, "we have seen only the beginning of the great world movement, and the foreign immigration that flows into our country is but the advance guard of a mighty army." There are landing on our shores nihilists from Russia, infidels from France, and rationalists from Germany, all sworn enemies of our government. What is the outlook?

Until seventeen years ago our Supreme courts had, without exception, declared ours a Christian nation, the Bible a basis of our common law and to be taught in the schools, and the Sabbath to be respected. Within seventeen years all this has been reversed and the practice of the people changed. With this reversal of affairs, are we not drifting from the good paths?

From the churches must go out an influence that will build up a citizenship; that will be a bulwark against all these evils, if we would be responsible for the

home work in the great wide field—our beloved land. The circumstances of the country demand it. The national cemeteries mark the graves of thousands, made sacred as sepulchers of the defendants of a nation's life and existence. A tidal wave of affliction sweeps over the world, calling to homage, sacrifice and prayer. Will our Christian nation heed God's voice in this visitation? Are more dread punishments to be upon it? This voice, at whose reproof the pillars of heaven tremble, speaks loudly to us of individual responsibility Will we "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty," ere He cause the earth to quake and tremble beneath us? After so many centuries of gospel light and liberty, is it not a pitiful reflection that the majority of those who breathe God's pure air stand condemned? The gospel has not prevailed in any nation, and is recieved by a small minority, but as it is recieved a blessing rests on the nations. The palace of the King is being reared; its foundation is the length and breadth of the earth; the cornerstone is laid and the first tiers connect with the foundation; laborers work in many quarries. It is to be the most glorious edifice of the universe. Its light is to flash on the most distant worlds and give them glory. A cry ascends from the unchristian populace, and we have all the evils that keep pace with a Godless culture; and, in the light of history and the divine revelation, with Rev. J. D. Rankin one of our greatest workers in the home field, let us ask, "What will be the fate of onr nation unless from the churches shall go forth a mighty redeeming power sending anew the life-blood of Christianity through the veins of society?"

We should be interested in home missions from a social view. On the purity of home-life hangs the destiny of our government, for it is there human happiness in this life culminates. What sweeter words than that of mother, and it is God's truth loved and revered that has given us the Christian fathers and mothers of our land—our purest women, our truest men. What do we not owe to Christian homes and the blessings that cluster there? Light and bloom from early memories, blissful hours, cling around and beautify the heart, and should bloom more brightly as the rolling years seek to hide them deeper in the dust of oblivion. It is a great thing to go from a Christian home into Christian society. It is a sad fact if the familiarity of these scences should ever cause any to lose their delight in them—"if the plaudits of the crowd are louder than the silent homage of love."

As we learn of the sighs and groans of degraded womanhood that come from all pagan lands, let us remember, with more grateful hearts, our bright Christian homes and the ministries ot love we enjoy in the light of the cross. When we remember the places in our own land where churches, ministers and moral restraint are not known, and all are free to serve the devil as they list, our thoughts should return to our homes with Christian Sabbath and Christian sanctuary, where we have a holy Bible and the recognition of a holy God. Let us with the late Dr. Wm. Johnson say, "We would rather kiss the chains that bind us to the throne of the eternal than roam at will in the barren desert of liberalism."

"Weary and homesick and distressed,
They wander east, they wander west,
And are baffled and beaten and blown about
By the winds of the wilderness of doubt,
To stay at home is best."

Now, as ministers say, this brings us to the second part of our subject, viz, Missions in the West. The West is characterized by largeness, with touch of vastness from mighty horizon. With Missouri river as east boundary; cairns, pillars, mounds and posts as north; old Mexico south, and Pacific Ocean west, we have an immense mission field. Its vastness is impressive. We are told,

"Now is the opportunity of the church in America, and to a large extent, at the present time, that opportunity must be met in the West." Dr. Lyman Beecher says, "The moral destiny of our nation and all our institutions and hopes turn on the character of the West." Prof. Austin Phelps has said of the West, "Its form will be fixed in two decades, and 500 years of time in the progress of the world will depend upon the character it receives." If so, is it not an important mission field? God is the Author of every good thing; a mission church is better than all police regulations. In early times the Indians said, "Many white folks come spoil the climate." There was truth in the statement. Still they come.

Since prehistoric times populations have moved steadily westward. The growth of the West is so rapid that it will soon give character to the nations. There is much to admire of push and energy in the wide-awake West. Her unrivaled resources, and unequaled enterprise of her citizens, are a sure prophecy of superior wealth. The tide of travelers on the long train westward, in search of earthly gain, is marvelous, especially of young men. We often have occasion to utter the prayer,

"God be kind to the wandering boy,
Who is somebody's son, and pride, and joy."

There's a restless crowd who keep to the front in empire march. In early settlement emmigrants moved within twenty miles of a bachelor's cabin. He moved on because he would not be bothered with neighbors. The frontier men did their part in preparatory work, bearing the relation to society of scaffolding to permanent building. We are amused at what some Eastern people think of us in the West. A young Virginian of fine address, with his bride, visited Northern Colorado, a few years since, and said nothing surprised him so much as seeing houses and to know we were not residing in dug-outs. In 1881, several days after President Garfield's assassination, an eastern lady wrote to her niece in Colorado, telling that our dear President was shot. She was told in reply, we were not living among the Utes. In reality we knew it by telegram two hours before it occurred. There was an item to cause a smile in a late issue of the Congressional Record: "A few citizens in the interior of New Jersey petitioned Congress to not permit the removal of the Ute Indians from Colorado." It was a reminder of Burdett's remark, "that the Atlantic states, having killed off their own Indians, are now very solicitous that the western people treat their's kindly." There was a suggestion in a western paper in answer to Jersey's request, "To petition Congress for the removal of the Indians in a body to the bad lands about Boston." It is hard to place ourselves in the position of others, as there is so much below our senses, and so much above them, and we comprehend but a little space around us. We are not living among the Indians, and the shooting and cutting days are over, yet they seem not far from some of our missions when an outbreak comes. But what of the poor Indian, "whose untutored mind sees God in cloud or hears Him in the wind"? We rejoice for a mission with this needy people, and trust to soon be able to do much for this savage, degraded race.

This brings us to consider a very important idea that has been growing through the ages—honor to womanhood and her elevation. She *is* being educated for greater work and broader views and to play a more important part in the world's redemption. A Japanese student of a western college remarked, "Why women in America are up with the men and will soon be ahead." Women have ever *been* prominent in Christian activity. They were first to

herald the glad news of a risen Saviour, and tis' said, "No night so dark or storm so fierce as to drive womanhood from the cross of Christ."

Women have peculiar privileges in mission work. In large cities it is common to find extensive districts, nearly ar quite, destitute of the gospel. There ore masses of people in every city and large village who will not listen to religious teaching by men. We are thankful the organized missionary effort can now be directed more to the home field. Thus in getting down to work we care for home interests. As city missionaries and Bible readers we have grand opportunities. For example, San Francisco with a population of 300,000, not to exceed 16,000 are Evangelical Christians; not more than 10,000 are actual working Christians. Rev. Mr. Bell has remarked that, "On the coast where nature has done her best the devil seems to have done his worst." What is true of this place is true all along the coast, and while God's people are doing earnest, hard, and in a good measure, successful work, yet they have great odds to work against and need all possible aid in prayers, money and individual assistance.

Salt Lake City (which we hope soon to occupy) has a population of 55,000, from one half to three-fifths of which are Gentiles. While almost all evangelical denominations are at work there, there are not more than 5 000 Christians. Many are just emerging from Mormonism to go into infidelity unless reclaimed by Protestantism. especially the young. Dr. McNeece, of the Presbyterian church, says: "After fifteen years study I find nothing honest or sincere in Mormonism. It is an institution carried on for the aggrandizement of the few, to the oppression of the many." Few outside of Utah can understand the need here, and notwithstanding all the error of the polygamist creed, there is much to touch the innermost cords of the heart, in a faith that has caused woman to trample under foot her heart's purest and best, (the love she bears her husband.) Let us hasten to help these sisters.

Pueblo, Colo., is a manufacturing city and an important center, with a good opening for a lady missionary to strengthen the cause of United Presbyterianism. Would that time permitted to present the need of the gospel in this wicked city. Our church is alone in the locality near Bessemer, where the steel-works and smelters are that employ about 3,000 men, the majority of whom are non-church goers. There is also an opportunity among iron-workers of Scotch descent. A consecrated worker, devoted to house visiting, could do much for this people. This kind of work is specially needed in the growing cities of the West where there is less of Christian principle to resist evil. The missionary and wife in charge are doing all in their power, but there is much that only one given exclusively to such work can do. This town is destined to have a great future, and a better center for missionary operations cannot be found.

Are we appreciating our privileges by being home missionaries and engaging in personal work with the reapers of the great in-gathering? This centenary of missions is a grand and glorious age. Discouraging times are being succeeded by happier years of results in work more apparent. Let us rejoice with Mr. Moody, "That the world is waking up;" that the command is, "Forward movement all along the line," and under the blessed gospel's benign influence.

"Out of the shadows of night,
The world rolls into light;
It is daybreak everywhere."

Let us sympathize and rejoice with our representatives in mission work and not be forgetful of our part; that it languish not by too meagerly caring for them. If with Jeramiah we could say, "God's word is as a burning fire shut up

in our bones, we are weary with forbearing and cannot stay," how nobly we would engage in the Master's work now, when the gospel trumpet calls loudly for heroic men and women. This is an age of demand, and one that tries men's souls. As life intensifies, much true missionary spirit is needed, and let us be thankful for the fire of love for Christ's work. Evil contends for the mastery and strives to capture immortal souls. The world needs workers who fear sin and love God, with faith firmly planted on the Rock, Christ Jesus; of earnest piety and self-sacrificing devotion, vigorous intellect and unaffected dignity. The Lord knows who are fitted for His work and they are scattered over His earth. When we realize the power God has given us and the possibilities of a life concentered, we will get down from our high seats and do Him service.

When the dry bones come to life, the mountains and little hills will rejoice. We know not the word we fight with and are ignorant of the resources at our hand. When God sends His Spirit in great power to His people, and shines down into these poor souls of ours, we will go out to utter great things to the high and due commendation of a Saviour like ours. We will "go forward" with the ever sounding gospel shout of "victory" and plant the banner of truth on the stronghold of the enemy, until we can say, "Hallelujah, the Lord God innipotent reigneth, let the whole earth be filled with His glory."

Conference.---The Local Society in its Relation to Pastoral Work.

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In studying the question assigned me to open for conference, I realize that we have not yet advanced to the full enjoyment of our privileges in the relations we sustain to other departments of work.

"We may not live to see the day
When the great Saviour shall bear sway."

But if we fill the measure of our opportunity, we will wield a glorious influence, that "Earth may be gladdened in the ray of light that cometh from above."

The local society in its relation to pastoral work: What is the pastoral relation? As work must be of the same kind and nature as the relation, Christ, our pattern in all things, presents Himself to us as the Great Shepherd, the loving Shepherd "that know my sheep and am known of mine." "That shall gather the lambs with His arm." The pastor, as sent out by the Master, is to feed the flock, gather the lambs, very tenderly winning back the wayward, gently ministering to the weak, and guiding the steps of the aged and weary ones as they enter the valley and tread the banks of the river Jordan, supporting the workers, strengthening the builders, and standing for the defense of the pure gospel of our Lord. He is a Leader, a Feeder, a Winner, a Supporter and a Defender.

I. *Our relation: What is it?*

1. The true missionary society is a society whose object and aim is one with the pastor, viz, the seeking and winning of souls for Christ.

2. It is an organization—each member a missionary, each member a part of the congregation.

3. A society whose object and whose constitution requires the devotion of its members in devising plans of work to grow and build for Christ in our own congregation; to gather and send out

means and aid to extend His kingdom throughout our own and foreign lands, growing in love, grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. It has an essential value in work and influence. It is a work-room, its workers consecrated. With willing hearts and ready hands they receive and carry out suggestions of the pastor as to objects and results. In turn the pastor is aided and encouraged by the prayers, the influences, and the holding up of his hands by the wives, the mothers, and daughters united in this work. The roll of membership of the missionary society will furnish the names of the faithful at the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting; the ready supporters of Young People's work, the Sabbath-school and Children's work. In the near approach of a communion season the pastor's heart is filled with desire for souls yet unsaved, perhaps some in our own homes. His requests and desires are made theirs, and unitedly their petitions are borne aloft. This oneness in sympathy but proves a bond of unity.

5. It is the pastor's right-hand aid.

II. *How increase its efficiency?*

1. By increase of motive. Since the real motive which incites to action is always within the soul, never without, God Himself is the foundation motive in all missionary work. "For God *so* loved the world." Only as we, as societies and individuals, are made able to receive this motive, this love from God, will our powers and energies be roused to bring others to the enjoyment of peace and safety within the fold.

2. By making the missionary society a medium or channel through which shall be manifested the love of Christ for the weary, the suffering and lost ones; "to be the joyful partners of his purpose," in letting our light *so* shine that others may receive, rejoice, glorify. When on one occasion an eminent man, the late Jonah G. Warren, stood watching a group of missionaries upon the deck of a steamer just putting out to sea, he is said to have exclaimed, as if at that moment profoundly impressed with the thought, "Yes, that is what steamers are for." So I say—yes, that is what missionaries are for. What more precious freight have steamers ever carried across the great waters of the sea than missionaries? What more efficient work can we as societies do than to make known to others the pure love of Christ for lost souls, and to place upon a candle-stick the light given to us that it may shine for others?

3. Make our *opportunity* our *measure* of privilege and duty. Of His abundance, through His mercy, He has given us light. Of His grace He has given us the savor of salt. Shall we misinterpret the meaning of God's blessings, of God's greatest gift to us? Regeneration to the individual is not to be alone a personal gift; but by that gift He is purchased and consecrated, to show to others the yearning of God's love for a perishing world. The throbbings of Christ's love within us must be felt in our devotions, in our work, in all parts of the congregation, if we are filling our measure. Remember, our opportunity is our measure.

4. The efficiency of the missionary society is increased when we as members share our gifts with others. There is something in heaven's gifts to us that are never fully enjoyed until shared with others. It is the love of God in our hearts that prompts to every action in anyway helpful to others.

For the faithfulness and efficiency of our missionary societies in regard to work in the congregation I recommend:

1. In our meetings the devotional should be most prominent. Who so much needs the leading of the Spirit and wisdom as missionary workers?

2. We need more to be Bible students, ready to give a reason of the hope that is within us, to be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

3. Special work requires special workers. Two or three women, fitted for particular work, will accomplish the best and the most direct results. Special committees to visit the sick, welcome the strangers, visit them in their homes, arrange for cottage prayer-meetings, aid very much in congregational work. A committee of literature, with the special object of securing a missionary library for circulation in the congregation, will prove, later on, that "Knowledge is power."

A last recommendation is: Make our societies, in their branches of young ladies' societies and mission bands, in part, a training school. "A workman needing not to be ashamed" needs discipline. Then, as individuals and members, let us remember that

"The path that lies straight before us,
And the duty that must be done,
Is the path to be trod, the task to be wrought,
Ere the victor's crown be won."

Our Young People.

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In young people's work in other churches, and in our own church, we think we hear a great voice of promise for the future of our Master's kingdom, and our hearts are glad because of this voice of promise. Organized effort has been strong, and of growing strength, because above it is the prayer hearing and the prayer answering God. He wants his own work to succeed, and in spite of a good many mistakes, it has succeeded. A few years ago it was an experiment only, but now a great army of above a million earnest soldiers witness that it is no longer an experiment. It is a great and growing force to be taken account of, to be trained and to be used to best advantage. In this enlisted army our church reported last year 19 026 members in 524 organized societies.

Now what need is there for young peoples' work? Let us think of this for a little. First, the world is not very different in some respects to-day from what it was in Christ's day, in this respect certainly not very different. Jesus went about among the cities and villages of Gallilee and saw the multitude scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. The multitudes are scattered abroad and need a shepherd now as much as they ever did, and true Christian hearts, like the heart of the Master, are filled with compassion when they see this need. And it is to be seen everywhere, in distant lands and in our own land, both east and west. In cities and villages, and about the quiet country church, there are multitudes of afflicted and burdened lives, and multitudes of hearts that hunger and thirst for the water of life. There are many who are saying little about their troubles, although they are ever present with them, as that woman in the crowd that thronged about Jesus as he was on his way to heal the daughter of Jairus. Twelve years she had suffered with her infirmity, perhaps saying little about it all the while, certainly saying nothing on this day. She will just press near and touch the hem of the Great Physician's garment. She believed that He could heal her; no one will know anything about it. There are many thousand, like this woman, who need to be brought near to Jesus and then out into the light of his good news: "Daughter be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

There are many bereaved who need to be told over again the promises

of the gospel of Christ. There are many disappointed and discouraged, many wayward and ignorant, and many careless. And Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "The harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest." The truth is, the church is doing scarcely a tithe of the work waiting to be done in every field where it is planted, and there are fields not yet occupied in our civilized land, not to say anything of wide lands not yet occupied beyond us.

There is need that the church employ every agency at her command—why not her young people, when the spirit of God has spoken to "young men because they are strong?" Only a few years past and young people were not supposed to have any very special or clearly defined work in the church. Kindly gray-haired old men and mothers in Isreal could do the church's work well enough. But thanks be to God times are changed, and a new and great force has been set to work in fields that are white already to harvest.

Let us notice now the method of work among this new force. The method is the same whether the force is call Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Westminister League, or Society of Our Young People. Its key-words are prayer and Bible study, and the arch in which they are set may be called organization. Most careful organization cannot do everything, but young people's work or old people's work without careful organization must prove a failure, and the same is true in every line of effort. No man begins to build till he first sits down and counts the cost, lest after while men pass by and scoff and say, this man began to build a house and did not have enough to finish it.

In our young people's societies our work is carefully considered and arranged. Each member has something to do, and besides knows what it is. Ought there to be some God given bright flowers? Some one knows who will gather them. There are some new children down the street who do not attend Sabbath-school; some one knows who will find them and show them the way. One is sick; some one will visit him. One is burdened; some one will help him carry it. One has fallen under temptation; some one will help him up.

But with organization we must have much of prayer and thoughtful Bible study. I think we ought to have the pledge which promises to read the Bible every day and pray to God every day. Then the prayer-meetings from week to week give the life giving touch from hand to hand.

But, clearly, what is the advantage of young peoples' work? The advantage is in the Master glorified now. Of this I have already spoken. Second, the advantage is in hands of trained workers secured for the future of the church. Ten thousand members were added to young peoples' societies last year, but members cannot tell how much was added in Christian energy for all her future years. It is no slight thing when only one is added to the number who earnestly and with strength serve God day and night in his temple. See what the ones have accomplished for the kingdom in every generation. If we only added one Moses last year, or one Joshua, or one Elijah, one Peter, or John, or Paul, we have added ten thousand if each will become for Christ what he may. Our hearts are glad because of this voice of promise for the year to come.

Now there are some dangers that surround our work and we make some mistakes. We have needed the counsel of the aged many times, and still have need. May the Women's Missionary Society not fail to bear young peoples' work to God in earnest prayer, and may leaders in young peoples' work be willing always to listen to friendly counsel and have grace always to seek the Spirit's help and follow where he leads.

Conference—The Relation of Mission Bands to the Presbyterial and the W. G. M. S.

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When Christian people with concentrated action by care and culture reach out to and compass the difficulties and dicouragements of the children of the church, and give them their distinctive part in the work of bringing the world to the knowledge of Jesus, there need be no anxiety regarding the missions of the future. Perhaps all of us have been taught from infancy to put our mites into the treasury of the Lord, and to lisp "thy kingdom come," but it is only of recent date that the children have been considered important factors in missionary enterprise. We are beginning to understand that to inspire and educate children to an active interest in missions is as directly missionary work as leading an auxiliary, and of far more importance, because in them we find the recruiting ground for the missionaries and home workers, who in a few years will be called to their reward. "When we see what the world needs, and how little is doing, and how much remains for them and us to do," should we not use every means, watch all opportunities, and sieze every advantage for reenforcing the depleted ranks? And not only so, but with the work in hands and the new work pressing we need the enthusiasm infused by their fresh young lives that we may take courage and press on.

An outlook on the spiritual and temporal interest of the little ones should be included in the right efforts for the present, and nothing so lays hold on their hearts, nothing so draws out their love for Christ and the spirit of sacrifice for his sake, as a systematic presentation of the needs of mission fields. After the Bible, nothing tends to broaden their intellects and to deepen the piety of children more than a thorough study of missions. It is the mother's province to lay the foundation of this work, but the church, which is God's school for educating its members to eminence in piety and all forms of well doing, should perpetuate and strengthen the work begun in the home. In this missionary age a new responsibility rests upon the church regarding the children and in prosecuting this warfare against heathendom, the young warriors should be prepared for the conflict. No solitary training can make a soldier, nor do a few persons taken at random and arranged in line form a military company. They must be enrolled, drilled in concert, a martial spirit evoked, and the stimulus of a common object and mutual helpfulness supplied. And so the home training should be supplemented by the organization of societies for the Christian training of the children. The training in these bands should develop the talents of the members; should bring into exercise all the graces of prayer, faith, love, courage and humility, and should inculcate the principles enjoined in scripture regarding our possessions, and emphasize the marching orders, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature."

A few earnest women in our church, appreciating the necessity of such organizations, have, amid difficulties peculiar to the work of pioneers, established small forts, some of which we find in 44 of our 49 presbyteries and all of which form a small army; and now the time seems to have come for the marshalling of these forces that they may render more efficient service. As a general spirit of inquiry pervades the church regarding children's work, and a gener-

al desire that it shall be more thoroughly systematized and brought into good working order, it is well for us to remember that in any worthy project carried to a successful issue united effort and concerted action must be attained by all who are interested in furthering it. We are therefore before you to-day to outline a system which shall more clearly define the relation of the mission band to the senior societies, and form a basis of discussion, which we earnestly desire may lead to wise conclusions, and the establishment of such relations as shall conserve the energy and eventuate more richly in action; and pray that the Master's blessing may rest upon all our efforts in this direction.

We would undo nothing that has been done by way of organization, but noiselessly insert our small wheel within the larger ones which have been revolving with increasing rapidity for some years past. Our wheel is to be encircled with the golden band of love—love for Jesus, love for the church, love for dying souls, and love for each other. The first spoke in the wheel is *membership*, which includes the young ladies in the advance guard, known as the Y. L. societies and the younger members, boys and girls, in the mission circles, and the very little ones or babes in the cradle roll.

God's appointed work for women is broadening and deepening every year. Great changes are being wrought in ancient civilization regarding woman's position, and our young women are to have a part in this glorious transformation. The call is louder to women just now, and is likely to be for some time to come, because only their heart and their hand can minister to the urgent necessities of their own sex in the East. Hence, as a wise mother carefully instructs her daughter in the art of home-making, so the mothers in the church should feel the pre-eminent duty of banding our young women more closely for aggressive mission work, and giving them thorough training for the positions of responsibility soon to be filled by their daughters. See to it then, dear sisters, that this transition period from youth to womanhood be carefully guarded. "A little care now may save our system of work from weakness in the future, that might prove detrimental to His cause and our own best interests.

The younger boys and girls should be grouped in circles suited to age and circumstances, but under one general leader. The cradle roll may be maintained by thank-offerings for new members and the payment of small yearly fees. As will be observed, this system takes hold of the component elements and controls them until such time as they can be assimilated with the great force of women who find or make a way to reach their sisters perishing for want of the gospel. And just here let me make a plea for the boy who, under nine or ten years, is easily guided, but who becomes a troublesome problem when he begins to think for himself; to form his own judgment of people and things, and, as some one has said, "is older than he ever is again." The solution is found, we think, in a thought of a mission band-leader when she said, "We must consider what we wish him to be, to do, to know five years later. Whatever we wish him to be now, he is pretty sure not to be, but if we can keep his face turned in the right direction, his feet walking toward the distant goal, his heart beating to the time of loving service, and brain alive with new, large and generous ideas, we are gaining our end, though it is somewhat distant. That our pews be filled with consecrated manhood, realizing their true relation to the church and its different branches of beneficence, it is not only important, but an absolute necessity that they have the benefit of the training in the children's organizations, making them living ex-

amples of the truth, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

The second spoke in our wheel is *secretaries*—a general secretary of junior work in our Women's Board, a secretary in each presbyterial, or a secretary or leader in each congregation. The local secretary shall have charge of the junior work in the congregation, make a yearly report to the senior auxiliary, and to the presbyterial secretary. The presbyterial secretary shall have the direction of junior work in the presbytery, make a yearly report to the presbyterial and to the general secretary. The general secretary shall have supervision of the junior throughout the church, and make a yearly report to the Women's General Missionary Society. She shall confer with the powers that be, plan for definite work, and use all available means for increasing and strengthening these organizations. As often as practicable and necessary, these secretaries should be called together to report on conditions, to discuss methods and plan for advances.

The third spoke is designated *work*. Until the children may obtain a larger view of Christ's kingdom, make strenuous efforts, and have untiring zeal, we urge pledged support for specified work. Children learn little by little, step by step, and these special objects become their teachers, and at the same time give more permanency to the work accomplished.

The fourth spoke is *representation;* the junior work to be represented in the presbytery by the secretary and delegates from the Young Ladies' Society, and delegates to the Women's General Missionary Convention shall be selected from the young ladies.

While every means possible and practicable should be used to inspire and interest the children in the work, we do not think delegating them to a senior meeting of four or five days or hours duration a conducive means to the end, and then, too, the true order of development in the training for missionary work, as in all lines of education, should be observed. As in nature, first the blade, then the ear, then "the full corn in the ear," so in the human plant. A wise educator will not waste energy in attempting premature development, neither should mission workers demand the exercise of reason and judgment on the part of children in deciding the important questions that present themselves for our consideration from year to year.

A truer and better way is suggested in our fifth spoke which we designate *meetings*. The meetings of local societies should be regulated by the circumstances and conditions controlling the work The juniors should be recognized at each meeting of the presbytery by the appointment of a definite time in the order of exercises designated, as Young Ladies' hour, children's or junior hour, which time should be devoted entirely to the interests of the juniors. At least once a year a meeting, "their very own," known as the junior rally, should be held withing the bounds of each presbytery; or two or more presbyteries should combine their forces. Bright, wide-awake gatherings they should be, transmitting the store of 'good things' to the societies represented. Make much of this annual meeting; it has in its fruition the earnestness of spirit and enthusiasm, which are such strong powers in missionary work.

And now we have revolved our wheel until we are confronted by the last spoke in the circle, which we recognize as *mothers*. Is it too much to say that without the hearty co-operation of *mothers* this branch of missionary work cannot be successfully prosecuted? 'In this busy rushing world of ours—and our

children are in the rush and whirl too,—something is being crowded out continually, but cannot Christian mothers see to it that it is not always the religious culture and development that must give way to that which the world deems essential? We leave this question with you, dear mothers, hoping that its prayerful consideration may reveal to you how necessary your prompt assistance is to the smooth and swift revolution of our small wheel.

The hub of our wheel is *prayer*—the channel through which we expect to receive the power which shall fit us for outward activities. Prayer, which brings us into communion with our risen Redeemer, and from which emanates all inspiration, is the central power of this proposed system. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into the harvest. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest."

Prayer--Its Place and Importance in Missionary Work.

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To the world, one of the most striking features of missionary work is the apparent inadequacy of the means used to the end to be accomplished. How often has the language of scorn been uttered by unbelief, and how the faithless have ridiculed the idea of sending a few missionaries, say to India. How visionary, they would say, to cherish the faintest hope that they, a band of despised foreigners, will convert a nation of many millions, proud of their religion, hoary with age, and to which they are devotedly attached.

Now if this were all that there is in missionary enterprise, it would deserve ridicule rather than support. But the marvels of missionary achievement, the miracles of missionary success, make it impossible for us to dismiss the problem with a sneer. We must look deeper and search out the element of power that gives efficiency to such feeble means. Missionary enterprise wins its marvelous success, not by force of numbers, not by power of intellect, but by a power that is unseen—even as Paul says: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty thro' God to the pulling down of strongholds." The sword of the Lord makes the feeble sword of Gideon invincible. Our devoted missionaries, holding up the banner of the cross in heathen lands, and winning under it such glorious victories, can truly say: "It is not by might nor by power but by God's spirit." Shielded from harm amid the perils of the Egyptian war, and kept in safety amid the angry contentions of fanatical Moslems and Hindoos in Northern India, they can sing:—

"Had not the Lord, may Israel say,
Had not the Lord maintained our side,
When men to make our lives a prey,
Rose like the swelling of the tide;
The swelling tide had been our grave,
So fiercely did the waters roll;
The waters proud, with wave on wave,
Had swept above our drowning soul."

The hand or power of God, then, being the unseen element in missionary enterprise, the question is, How are we as a church, or as individuals, to avail ourselves of this power? How are we to reinforce the sword of Gideon with the sword of the Lord?

This brings us directly to our subject, and shows us the place of prayer. The place of prayer in all missionary progress is to enlist the power of God and reinforce our feeble efforts with the resistless might of the Spirit. Now is prayer adapted to be effectual in attaining this glorious purpose? We take it that in the

whole compass of divinely appointed means, to be used by us in advancing the cause of missions, we should rely on prayer as the first and best. It is truly almost the work itself.

That prayer is fitted to enlist God on our side, and thus assuring victory, appears, first, from its very nature, By it we draw near the throne—we enter the very presence chamber of the King; there, as the prophet expresses it, "to take hold of His strength." Second, prayer is effectual because of the promises. God's promise to Joshua was, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." The blessed Saviour's assurance is, "Every one that asketh receiveth" There are no exceptions to the prayer of faith, securing the omnipotent aid of the great God: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." "If ye ask anything in my name I will do it." God's pledge to Paul at Corinth was that "He would be with him—that no man should harm him." Again, that "He would be a mouth and wisdom to him which all his adversaries could not gainsay or resist." In the parable of the friend at midnight and the importunate widow, what encouragement to pray! To turn God's promise into a prayer will secure an answer in peace.

Third, we are encouraged to pray by the glorious victories achieved through prayer. The Bible abounds with examples of its amazing power in all the past. It has won victories over fire, air, earth and water. It has arrested the sun in its course. It has stopped the mouths of lions. It has brought water from the rock and bread from heaven. It has unstopped the ear of the deaf and poured light on the sightless eyeball. It has given limbs to the lame and life to the dead. Well might Mary Queen of Scots say, "I fear John Knox's prayers more than an army of ten thousand men." It is well said that "prayer moves the arm that moves the universe." "Let me alone," are God's remarkable words to Moses when Moses was about to intercede for the children of Israel.

But our subject leads us to note extraordinary visitations of God's grace in answer to prayer. To what did our Saviour refer when he said, "Ask and it shall be given?" You have the answer in the succeeding context, "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Yes, this the choicest of heaven's choice gifts is for the asking. The baptism of the Holy Ghost was promised to the disciples in the near future, and it was enjoined on them to wait for the promise of the Father, which said Christ, ye have heard of me. Their mode of waiting is suggestive, and is for our example: "Then returned they unto Jerusalem, and all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication," and it was whilst thus agonizing in prayer that God opened the window of heaven and filled each heart with love, and peace and joy, and fitted them for embarking in the work of saving a lost world. What interest attaches to that upper chamber, when the 120 were congregated on the day of Pentecost! How strikingly was the promise fulfilled, "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." It was after prayer and fasting at Antioch that Barnabas and Saul engaged in the foreign mission work with such happy results.

A century and a half since a congregation of Moravians, numbering some 600, organized themselves into a missionary body, and resolved in the strength of God's grace to send the gospel throughout the world, and gloriously have they fulfilled their pledge. "The liberal soul

has been made fat." Their success at home and abroad has been the marvel of Christendom. It is but a century since 12 Baptist ministers formed one of the pioneer societies for sending the gospel to the heathen. Attempting great things *for* God and expecting great things *from* God, they laid on His altar $65.50 as their first offering for missions, engaging to work together for the spread of the gospel among the heathen.

Contrasting the *then* and *now*, we are constrained to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" It was while the godly Carey of England was wrestling with God on his knees at the throne of grace that the thought occurred to him to give one hour, the first Monday evening of each month, to prayer for the outpouring of God's spirit on the churches. We need not add that this led to the monthly concert of prayer. Some six years since four young men were selected from a band of praying youth to visit colleges and seminaries, to awaken a missionary spirit, and enlist for Christ. The number of young men and women, who have proffered their services as a result of that season of prayer, is now over 6,000. More than 300 of their number are already in the field; others are prepared to enter in and occupy the field that God in his providence may open up for them.

The importance of prayer for missions is seen in the prominence given to the petition our Lord puts into our lips, in that inimitable model given in the sermon on the mount: "Thy kingdom come"—that is, His kingdom of grace. In offering the petition we pray that we may become the willing and obedient children of God, and next that all men may become so. The coming of His kingdom, or the extension of his cause over the earth, was a matter of special interest to our dear Redemer, and we should sympathize with him in the reclaiming of a lost world, Believing as we do in the inefficiency of mere human means to save the world, and of the efficacy of prayer to secure heavenly aid, we should not only rely on it in the order of means as the first, but rely on it continually, never allowing the instrument to pass out of our hands for a moment; and thus will be verified the prediction in the psalm—"Prayer shall be made for Him continually."—Ps. 62:15. The importance of prayer is seen in its inspiring effect on those who are engaged in the high places of the field. The pastor is nerved for his work when he knows that there are wrestling Jacobs in the congregation who are bearing him on their hearts at a throne of grace. And such is emphatically true of that noiseless band of heavenly soldiery, who have gone to unfurl the banner of the cross in distant lands. We pledged them that we would be as Aarons and Hurs, to bear up their hands in their work of faith and labor of love as we showered our benedictions on them when leaving our shores. "Brethren pray for us," is the cry that comes to us from the toilers beneath the shadow of the Himalayas, and from the land of the Pharoahs, and from the far off isles of the Pacific, and the cry is borne to us by every breeze and by every wave that leaves our shores. As a rule, they can count on being remembered at the monthly meeting for prayer and at the family altar, but in the old congregation, where they were admitted to the baptismal font, and where they plighted their virgin vows, and where each name is a household word, and the familiar form of each is indelibly impressed on the mind, will they be remembered there? They yearn for sympathy, and the assurance that their friends in this far-off land joy in their joys, and sympathize with them in their privations and sorrows, and plead for them in prayer, will nerve them anew for their work of faith and labor of love. Such prayer is important on account of its reflex influence. There's a double

blessing connected with the work. He that watereth shall be watered also himself. The pastor who prays for those under his care by name will not only press the claims of Christ in burning words from the sacred desk, but will so deport himself toward them as to impress them that he has their spiritual good at heart. The mother who prays as only a mother can for her prodigal son, and pathetically appeals to him as only a mother can, "My son if thou wilt be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine," will be lead to lay out all her energies to enlist God and man on her side to save the child of her love.

And this is true of Christians who agonize in prayer for the success of missions. Such place themselves in the best and indeed the only position for receiving the most abundant spiritual blessings. Those who with heartfelt earnestness pray, "Thy kingdom come," will be prepared to make corresponding sacrifices of time and money for the extension of Christ's spiritual kingdom. Work in this direction brings with it its own reward, for it tends to increase our faith, to influence our love, and to make us more like Christ. O, that God's people were awake to the privilege of crying aloud for his great gift. Who will not say that our church has been greatly blessed since engaging in missionary work—blessed as a benefactor to the heathen world, and as the receiver of a blessing by the very act of conferring benefits on others? Again, prayer is important because it enlists every soul in the work. It makes the church at home and the missionraies in the field one working force, filled with the enthusiasm of victory. Christians of every name and nation meet together at a throne of grace, and getting near to Christ they get near to one another. By these means all have an opportunity of helping forward the great work. Some give themselves to the work; some their worldly wealth; some can give nothing but their prayers and tears, but those are acceptable to God and are most efficient means, for "the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous avail much."

That the divinely appointed place and importance of prayer in missionary enterprise may be realized, first, all must be engaged. "Cursed be he that cometh not up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Individual responsibility is not to be lost sight of. Praying for the coming of the Spirit is not only the duty of the church collectively, but of every one at the family altar and in the closet. Then when the whole church of God shall be engaged in a spirit of believing and fervent supplication, we may hope for the Spirit to be poured out with unwonted efficacy. Second, Our supplication should be the prayer of faith. We feel assured that the cause of missions is the cause of God, and hence we may pray with confidence for its success. Third, our prayers must be importunate—until the answer comes, and come it will. God is ever waiting to be gracious. His language is, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that their will not be room enough to receive." "Ye that make mention of the Lord keep not silence and give him no rest till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

If we would secure a baptism of the Spirit we must pray in the Spirit of Jacob—"I will not let thee go except thou bless me;" or of John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die." Our prayers should be persevering, believing, ardent. If the vision tarry, wait for it. The promised blessing will come, "For the Lord whom ye seek shall come suddenly to his temple; even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in; behold he shall come saith the Lord of hosts."

Fourth.—In fine, our prayers must be backed up by our works. We must not only intensely long and earnestly pray, but we must diligently labor, and then we are warranted to expect an answer. When we appeal for pecuniary aid, let holiness to the Lord be written on all our possessions. When we ask for laborers to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth, let fathers and mothers give, like Hannah, their sons and daughters. Let those in the spring time of life respond to the Macedonian cry for help—Here am I, send me.

God's Answer to Our Prayers—Our Response.

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Ever since, upon the mountain side, the Master taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come" has been a most frequent utterance upon the lips of the church. Year after year, generation after generation, century after century, earnest souls have taken up this petition. Earnest men and women have poured forth their lives to bring about its fulfillment. Amid all discouragement, and trial, and persecution, the hearts of the true followers of Christ have been cheered by the thought that the triumph of evil over good should not always continue even here; that the time is coming, the true golden age of the world, when the sway of the King, whose rule is love, shall extend over the whole earth, and men of every clime and color shall acknowledge him as the Lord of their lives. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and adversity, there have always been those who have been listening for the sound of the chariot that carries the King. All forms of organized Christian effort, from the simplest to the most complex, have but this one end in view. This it is, my sisters, which gathers you here today; which has brought you from your homes and the daily routine of your lives, that you may take counsel together what you, and those whom you represent, may do to bring about the coming of this glad day for which we hope, for which we have so often prayed. And now it is fitting that we should pause for a moment to look back over what God has done in the way of fulfilling our prayers in the past.

The true church of Christ has always been a missionary church, and always the faithful workers have been pressing into the "regions beyond." But except on the part of the Moravians, those noble pioneer laborers whose graves have consecrated the soil of every heathen land, Protestant missions, in the modern sense of the term, began with the commencement of the nineteenth century. Inadequate as have been the efforts of the church, faithless as have often been her prayers, how glorious have been God's answers! The Sandwich Islands, Madagascar, Fiji, are nations which, during this century, have been redeemed from the cruel bondage of idolatry and brought into the freedom of a Christian civilization. Christ's gospel has won more triumphs than any earthly conqueror. Amid the darkness of heathenism, ten thousand centres of light have been set up, and from these the rays stream out into the surrounding darkness, dispelling the gloom. Forty years ago, China and Japan, with their thronging myriad were closed to the Christian Bible and the Christian teacher. But he whose arm broke the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron in sunder, opened the way, and now the missionary is free to go anywhere in those countries

with his message of cheer. The dark forests of Africa have been penetrated by the courage of the explorer, and there, too, the wandering sheep have heard the voice of the Good Shepherd.

If we turn to the records of our own church, again we see that a covenant God has shown Himself true to His promises. It was in 1854 that the devoted and consecrated Barnet and McCague entered upon their work in Egypt. The same year the noble Andrew Gordon sailed for India. It was before the union of the churches, and our Board of Missions pledged support to these true soldiers of Christ. The story of the brave Gordon—a man who seemed gifted with that heroism which defies dangers—has been told in "Our India Mission." Let us hope the day is not far distant when the same work shall be done for our Egyptian mission; that the record of faith and devotion of the past may encourage those who come after to lofty concentrated effort.

Less than forty years have passed, and from nothing the United Presbyterian church in India and Egypt has grown to 39 organized churches, with a membership of nearly 10,000, and many Christian schools have been established which are training the youth of these lands for Christ. This hath God wrought for us in foreign lands. What of our own country? Most of us remember the time when the daily petition at the family altar was that God would break every yoke and let the oppressed go free. How wonderfully he heard and answered this prayer! And now to the American church has been given a whole race to be enlightened and fitted for Christian citizenship. We have been asking God to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our zion; and our home mission churches are springing up all over the broad West. For years we have been praying the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into this harvest: and lo! the missionary enthusiasm has taken hold of our colleges and seminaries, and hundreds of the noblest and best youth are saying, "Here am I, send me."

In view of all this, how great is the responsibility which rests upon our church! True, the past has been glorious, but there remaineth very much land to be possessed for Christ in India and in Egypt, not to speak of our obligation to press into other fields. More and more earnest should be our prayers that God's blessing may rest upon our work, whether in the Home or foreign field. But especially should the Christian conscience be aroused to the importance of systematic giving. So much literature on this subject has been circulated in the church that it would seem that few could be unenlightened as to the call of duty in this direction. But the condition of the treasury of all Christian enterprises show that still there is need of agitation in this direction, and that Christians should be brought to realize more and more that they are stewards, accountable to God for every dollar of their possessions. "Ye are not your own," said the great apostle, "therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's;" and certainly the purse should be included in the consecration of self to God. The obligation to give for the support of the gospel, none will deny. But the majority of Christians in the past, and too many in the present, are guided by their feelings rather than their judgment in this matter. An eloquent appeal, either in public or in private, arouses their sympathies and draws forth a liberal gift; and then they give little or nothing until a like occasion is presented. And so too often the cause of God languishes, and socials, and fairs, and concerts for the benefit of benevolent enterprises, take the place of willing contributions in honor of Him who gave

Himself for us. But more and more I believe the church is coming to realize that a fixed proportion of our income should be consecrated to the cause of Christ, and that that proportion should be not less than one tenth. To me, the Scriptural argument in behalf of this seems very strong. If we go back to the dawn of the church in the far-off ages, we find Abraham paying tithes to Melchizedek, the priest of God. The lonely Jacob, rising up after his vision of the ladder connecting earth and heaven, says: "Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee;" and when the Jewish church was fully established, we find the clearest possible command for paying the tithe. In Lev. 27: 30, we read: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord." Again, in Deuteromony 14: 22, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed that the field bringeth forth, year by year." Many other commands of this kind might be quoted did time permit. Among the bitter indictments of the prophets brought against the Jewish people for unfaithfulness, no accusation is more frequent than this, that they have failed to render the tithes. Says Malachi, 3: 8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

But it may be said, this is the Old Testament limit. It is true that the Saviour did not re affirm the law of the tithe, as he did not re-affirm the law of the observance of one-seventh of the time. It was already understood, and he recognizes it without renewing it. When Zaccheus was converted, among the first impulses of the new life is the pledge, "I give tithes of all that I possess." The Pharisees were rebuked, not because they tithed mint, anise and cummin, but because they left undone the weightier matters of the law. "These ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone," said the Saviour. The Apostle, writing to the Corinthians, said: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him." Is it likely that with all that opened up before the Christian world to be done, less would be demanded than in the days when the church was circumscribed by the narrow boundaries of Palestine? One-seventh of our time, one-tenth of our income,—these are the least that the Lord asks. We would not consider it right to disregard the Sabbath for months, and then atone for it by observing a sacred week. Neither can we atone for neglect of the constant giving of the tenth by occasional liberal contributions. It is true that Christians do have their times of sacred communion with God, aside from the sacred Sabbath; and so most Christians will be able to give free-will offerings in excess of their tenth. But this much at least is the Lord's share, and, if it is withheld, we are liable to have addressed to us that terrible question of the olden time, "Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me."

Another reason for giving systematically is, that it will be easier to give cheerfully if we deliberately plan for it, and, "God loveth a cheerful giver." We all know by experience how unexpected demands upon us are most likely to ruffle our feelings, but if the Lord's share is as deliberately planned for as payment of the grocer or the butcher, there will be a calmness and ease in giving that cannot be otherwise attained. True it it is that sometimes the laying aside of the tenth may cost self-denial, but we know who it was that "though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor," and the thought of Him will sweeten every sacrifice. But a still higher motive for giving is the great need of Christ's cause and the certainty

that, if this rule were adopted, the treasury would be filled.

According to government statistics, the average annual income of every man, woman, and child, in the United States, is $175. It is not likely that United Presbyterians, with their thrift and industry, fall below the average. Last year the contributions of our church to all purposes, including the support of the gospel in our own congregations, averaged $12 per member; $17.50 would have been the average tenth. Thus the deficit was $5 per member. Multiply this by the number of members reported, exclusive of those in mission fields, and we have a total deficiency of $480,000. From this subtract $250,000 to supplement inadequate or poorly-paid salaries of pastors, and we have a surplus of $230,000 to add to the income of the Boards, which have it for their object to carry the gospel to the whole world—more than doubling what they received last year.

Dear sisters, are we not all called to give at least this proportion of our income and to endeavor to lead all whom we can influence to do so? The poor and the rich alike are called to this. The most faithful tithe payers I have known have been the poor, or those of moderate means. Some years ago I was talking with the pastor of one of the most benevolent churches in our denomination. I had supposed that its large contributions were mainly the gifts of certain wealthy members, but he assured me, and proved it by some most remarkable instances, that the high standing of the congregation was owing to the fact that he had succeeded in impressing the poor among the people with the duty of faithfulness in this regard.

From every side comes the appeal for help. Never before has the great cry of humanity's anguish been so audible to earthly ears. A few weeks ago the Indiana, the Missouri, the Conemaugh, left our shores laden with provisions for the starving millions of Russia. It was Christ-like to send food to relieve the famine-stricken ones of that far-off empire, but there is a hunger of the heart more terrible than any bodily want—a hunger which nothing but the gospel of Christ can satisfy. No angel visitant can tell the tidings of salvation to these lost ones; the news must be borne by men and women who need to be supported. Oh, sisters, in view of all these things can any of us withhold our money or our efforts, whether ours be the widow's mite or Mary's alabaster box?

Dr. Charles Hodge, when urging upon his students the claims of mission work, was in the habit of saying: "My young brethren, look at this matter in the light of Christ on the cross and Christ on the throne." So let us look at our duty in relation to this great work, bearing in mind the love of the suffering Saviour, and the glorious reward which the Risen Redeemer has for all who faithfully follow Him.

Parting Service.

Our coming together here as Christians workers has not been without a purpose, although it may have been but dimly defined in our own minds. Has it been simply to perform an assigned duty? We trust not. Rather would we believe that our purpose has been to gain increased knowledge of the need of gospel work; to have our faith strengthened, our zeal quickened, and to gain a deeper love for Christ and his cause. There is enthusiasm in numbers—we have had them. There is enthusiasm in reports of work well-done—we have

heard these. There is enthusiasm in unitedly singing God's praises and in offering up petitions as from one heart, and with one voice. This experience has been ours to enjoy. What will the future prove of all this? That the enthusiasm enkindled here has been but a *flash* to light our pathway of duty, but for a few hours or a few days? Or shall it be a pillar of fire to lead us and guide us in our work even unto the end? *Which?* With you and with me *individually* rests the answer. Our two days of communing together has served to bring us into very close touch with each other; and, may we not trust, into a closer touch with the Master? Jesus has been in our midst. We have felt his presence. What a precious privilege, and how wonderful it has all been!

And yet far more wonderful is it, during this closing hour of service, to stand in the presence of God the Father, Christ the Saviour, and the Holy Spirit and strive to look into the unrevealed future, to know what further work God would have us to do in bringing the world to a knowledge of Himself.

The Scriptures being the "key to every unknown duty," "the revealer of secret things," let us seek its aid to give us a clearer vision of God's will concerning us. Searching the sacred pages we find these commands in Gods own words. (Read responses.)

LEADER:—Speak unto my people,
RESPONSE:—That they go forward.
L.—Be strong and of good courage,
R.—Fear not and be not afraid.
L.—Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do
R.—Do it with thy might.
L.—Be ye steadfast, unmovable,
R.—Always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Christ's parting words to his disciples, He speaks to us to-night—"Go ye and teach all nations:"—words which stand out before us illumined as by the light of His countenance. "Go *ye*" means *you*; it means *me*. Do we understand the full import of these words of our Master? No; for if we could know them in their fullness, we would go down from this "Mount of Blessing" to our homes so fired with holy zeal, for Christ and his cause that we would press forward until the whole church would be aglow with missionary activity.

Turning again to the scriptures, we read that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for instruction, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works." With what do the scriptures furnish us for future service? We find the promises that, as we go forth to labor for our Master, we will not have to go alone, nor have to depend upon our own wisdom or strength in our work. Listen to some of these precious promises of help. (Read responses.)

LEADER:—Lo, I am with you always.
RESPONSE:—Even unto the end of the world.
L.—I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go,
R.—I will guide thee with mine eye.
L.—I the Lord will hold thy right hand.
R.—Saying unto thee; Fear not I will help thee.

Searching still further into the pages of Holy writ, we find that through its words of prophecy, we are furnished with cheer and encouragement to continue on as co-workers with Christ in the upbuilding of His kingdom. Hearken to these inspiring words of prophecy, and gain help therefrom. (Read responses.)

LEADER:—All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord.
RESPONSE:—And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him.
L.—As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow unto Me:
R.—And every tongue shall confess to God.
L.—The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God,
R.—Even as the waters cover the sea.
L.—From the rising of the sun unto the

going down of the same:

R.—My name shall be great among the nations.

L.—His name shall endure forever:

R.—All nations shall call Him blessed.

L.—He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

R.—And from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Though having so full a vision of promises and prophecies, we see but a small part of God's equipment for our work. But what is our part? What would He have us to do in preparing ourselves for entering this new year of service? Let the scriptures again aid our vision. (Read responses).

LEADER:—I beseech you therefore brethren,

RESPONSE:—By the mercies of God,

L.—That you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God,

R.—Which is your reasonable service;

L.—And be not conformed to this world.

R.—But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

L.—That ye may prove what is that good

R.—And acceptable, and perfect will of God.

May we not rightly interpret from these words that God wants our time our talents, our means and our *all* consecrated to His service? Many of us have not days nor hours *consecutively* to give to *active* Christian work, but we are not honest with ourselves, nor honest with our God, if we plead *no* time for the Master's use. Knowing his willingness to accept the smaller gifts when we *cannot* give Him the greater, let us gather up the spare moments of each day (if we have not the *hours* to give) and use them for Him. Use them in storing up the mind with missionary knowledge. Use them in obtaining needed grace through prayer and the study of God's word, and thus being equipped, we will be ready to go forth when called into active service. Guard well these spare moments. Use them for Christ, and under God's blessing they may develop into great possibilities. God wants our *talents* too; do we know fully what they are? I fear not. Talents too often are laid away in a napkin, and buried so deep under the sod of selfishness and pride that they are known only to God who gave them, and are returned to Him *unused*. O, that the God-given talents to women for music and for art; for home-making and for the training of little ones; for social intercourse and for bearing one another's burdens; for comforting the sick and lifting up the fallen; for the receiving of heaven's sunshine into the heart, and the power to give it out into the lives of others,—were all consecrated to Christ! Where then would woman's power end? Only with the world kneeling at the feet of Jesus, and confessing Him as their Lord and their God.

It may be possible for us to use our time and our talents and yet withhold our means from God's service. We do not need as Christian workers to study to-night the scriptural doctrine of giving. "The tenth" of our income, the "first fruits," "giving as the Lord hath prospered,"—all stand out clearly before us. Our duty is made plain. Let us go hence and act upon it. Let us go in the spirit of the poor Hindoo, who, in a time of great scarcity, and with only a scant bit of clothing upon his body, came to a missionary bringing a gift of ten rupees for the Lord's treasury. "Why," said the missionary, "you are too poor to give all this." But the Hindoo with hands outstretched toward heaven, and with eyes uplifted, replied: "O, sir, I am only giving back what the Lord hath so freely given to me." If a poor converted heathen can give so liberally on hearing the story of God's love, what should *we not give* who have known the story from our childhood?

As we close this parting service and go hence to our homes, we will pass through

widely different doors of opportunity to use them. But wherever we may be, there will be the needy all around us and those afar off who need to be sought out. There will be souls thirsting for the cup of charity and the cup of sympathy; the cup of consolation and the cup of healing; the cup of joy and the cup of salvation. Are we true disciples of Jesus? Then hath He oft pressed these cups of blessing to our lips, and has bidden us to go and bear them to others in His name. Will *you* go? Will *I?*

The infidel and the athiest may educate the mind; they may clothe the body; they may even weep over the sufferings of their fellow men,—but only the true servants of God can carry the supply to meet the wants of hungering and thirting souls. God is calling us tonight, at this the opening of anew year of church work, to go forth a new to His service. What will be our response? Let the ready participation in the pledge placed before us in God's own words be as a token of our willingness to do His bidding. (Read responses.)

LEADER:—Are we willing to be led by God?

LEADER:—Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness,

RESPONSE:—Make thy way straight before my face.

L.—Will we strive to be an example to others?

L.—I will take heed to my ways,

R.—That I sin not with my tongue.

L.—I will keep my mouth with a bridle,

R.—While the wicked are before me.

L.—I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way,

R.—I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

LEADER:—Will we seek to know God's word and take delight in it?

L.—Give me understanding,

R.—And I shall keep Thy law,

L.—Yea, I shall observe it.

R.—With my whole heart,

L.—I Will delight myself in Thy statutes.

R.—I will not forget Thy word.

LEADER:—Will we aim to be ever in the spirit of praise?

L.—I will sing unto the Lord,

R.—As long as I live

L.—I will sing praise to my God,

R.—While I have my being.

LEADER:—Will we be diligent in prayer?

L.—Evening, morning and at noon,

R.—Will I pray unto God.

L.—I will cry aloud

R.—And he shall hear my voice.

LEADER:—Will the future find us faithful in observing the ordinances of the Sanctuary?

L.—As for me I will come into Thy house

R.—In the multitude of Thy mercies

L.—And in Thy fear will I worship

R.—Toward Thy holy temple.

LEADER:—Will we tell to others of the goodness of God?

L.—I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord.

R.—According to all the Lord hath bestowed upon us.

L.—I will meditate also of all Thy work,

R.—And talk of all Thy doings.

L.—I will declare Thy name unto my brethren.

R.—In the midst of the congregation, will I praise Thee.

LEADER:—Having in God's own words renewed our vows, unto him, do we herewith declare that we take God as our all, henceforth and forever?

L.—Whom have I in heaven but Thee;

R.—And there is none upon earth that we desire beside Thee.

Editorial.

We will again direct attention to the fact that the month on the tab indicates the number with which your subscription closes. Please renew at once.

An agent writes: "I am sending in time this year, trusting the magazine will come all right; and if not, I shall notify you at my earliest opportunity, so we can have matters rectified at once." Would that all followed this good example.

The question is frequently asked whether the Committee prefers subscriptions from the same place to date from the same month. We would say, in reply, that of course we are willing to take subscriptions at any time, but that it would save some trouble, both to the business manager and to the agents, if all dated from the same time.

From a mission station the following has been received: "Enclosed you will find the amount for fifteen subscribers. We hope to be able to send you more in time. I, for one, do appreciate the work of the MAGAZINE Committee. I look for my number as a welcome visitor. It has been a great help to me in my work."

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Again we urge subscribers to notify us *immediately* when the MAGAZINE fails to reach them. It is very annoying to receive letters saying, "Mrs. or Miss —— has not received her MAGAZINE for three or four months. What is the matter? look it up, etc." The Treasurer is always willing to give prompt attention to any mistakes, if only the fact is made known to her. The Committee cannot be responsible for lost numbers if not notified at least by the beginning of second month after they have failed to reach their destination.

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Mrs. J. G. Carson, Treas.

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Total expenditures	$2,935 00
Excess of receipts	286 00
Amount in treasury May 7, 1891	1,448 00
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First, that energetic canvass be made by one officially appointed by your Missionary Society, who will faithfully present the claims of the MAGAZINE to every woman in the congregation.

Second, that the Annual Report be largely circulated and the women urged to *read* it, in the hope that the information it furnishes will awaken more prayerful interest in all our missions and missionaries, and that larger gifts will accrue to the treasury.

Third, that this effort be not spasmodic but continued throughout the year.

Fourth, that this canvass be undertaken this month; that the sixth year which begins in August, may be marked by a largely increased circulation, as well as by increased usefulness.

Respectfully,

July 1st, 1892. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

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Albany.																
Albany W. M. S.	Miss. Mary Bruce	93 Clinton Ave, Albany N. Y.	9	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....
Johnstown W. M. S.	Mrs. J. M. Dougall	Johnstown "	24	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	18	1	40
Albany—2			33	2	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	50	1	40
Allegheny.																
1st Allegheny Foreign Missionary	Mrs. W. J. Robinson	65 Union Ave. Allegheny, Pa.	60	42	282	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	282	.....	.....
Home Missionary	Mrs. Thos. Jamison	66 Union Ave. " "	100	.....	.....	80	20	25	25	.....	160	.....	41	351	7	228
Young Ladies' Aid	Mrs. William Kerr	55 Union Ave. " "	30	.....	.....	4	7	.....	.....	19	17	185	5	237	4	57
1st church Mission, Ladies' Miss.	Miss Anna M. Allen	256 Robinson St. " "	22	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	3	19	1	28
Good Will Miss., Band	Miss A. M. Allen	256 Robinson St. " "	48	1	10	25	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	70	15	123	.....	.....
Busy Bees	Miss Mary Blythe	31 Boyle St. " "	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....
2d Allegheny Ladies' Miss.	Mrs. W. H. McMillan	70 Washington St. " "	140	37	380	155	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	15	21	586	.....	.....
Ladies' Aid	Mrs. J. D. Fraser	34 Esplanade St. " "	52	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	3	90	4	75
Young People's Society			*80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willing Workers	Mrs. L. A. Milliken	154 Webster St. " "	118	2	55	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	23	1	101	2	15
3d Allegheny, Ladies' Miss., and Aid	Mrs. W. W. McClelland	61 Jackson St. " "	80	16	150	205	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	380	.....	.....
Y. Ladies' Miss., Circle	Mrs. R. D. Shannon	207 Lacock St. " "	16	.....	26	10	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	93	2	45
4th Allegheny, Miss., and Benevolent	Mrs. Robt. Monroe	Sheffield St. " "	70	46	240	15	.....	.....	15	8	6	37	13	334	.....	.....
Young Ladies' Aid	Miss Sarah McElree	" "	40	16	.....	80	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	145	1	.....
Girls' Industrial School	Mrs. Jean L. Williams	51 Palo Alto St. " "	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	2	54	.....	.....
King's Daughters	Miss Jennie Adair	52 Montgomery Ave. " "	24	1	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	2	.....	55	1	97	1	2
Fulton Miss., Band	Mrs. Joseph Kyle	22 Bidwell St. " "	32	.....	.....	5	6	15	.....	10	.....	7	2	45	2	25
5th Allegheny Women's Missionary	Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon	153 Buenavista St. " "	40	6	30	25	55	.....	.....	9	.....	27	.....	146	.....	.....
Girls' Miss., Band	Miss Alice Greenwood	11 Lanark St. " "	15	.....	10	30	7	.....	10	5	5	6	6	79	1	8
Mission Circle	Miss Blanche Calhoun	166 Penn'a Ave. " "	40	12	25	45	12	.....	.....	5	.....	52	.....	139	.....	.....
6th Women's Missionary	Mrs. Addison Lysle	cor Fr'nkl'n & Ch'rtiers Sts " "	47	19	50	25	10	25	.....	.....	50	.....	6	166	3	50
Young Ladies' Aid	Miss Ida Eckert	41 Sheffield St. " "	25	8	44	40	8	10	.....	.....	.....	5	3	110	.....	.....
McGill Miss., Band	Miss Ollie McWilliams	266 Market St. " "	54	.....	.....	.....	20	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....
7th Allegheny, Ladies' Miss.	Mrs. Agnes F. MacDonald	43 Nixon St. " "	58	14	20	20	18	22	15	.....	.....	.....	5	100	.....	.....
9th Allegheny, Women's Miss†	Mrs. Anna M. Milligan	8 North Ave. " "	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bellevue, Ladies' Miss.	Mrs. W. H. Sterritt	Bellevue Pa.	11	9	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Y. Ladies Miss.	Miss Flora B. Graham	Bellevue "	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willing Workers	Miss Grace Fraser	Bellevue "	*22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	18	2	2
W. Bellevue, Women's Miss.	Mrs. W. A. Shaw	Bellevue "	24	22	27	69	30	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	154	.....	.....
Gleaners	Mrs. Geo. M. Paden	Union Nat'l Bank, Pittsburgh "	25	.....	20	22	17	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	83	4	50
Busy Bees	Miss Marion A. Paden	Union Nat'l Bank, Pittsburgh "	30	.....	10	9	7	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....
Golden Rule	Mrs. H. A. Crooks	Bellevue "	10	.....	3	8	4	3	3	.....	.....	.....	1	22	.....	.....
Deer Creek, Women's Miss.	Mrs. J. M. Allison	Baker stown "	26	7	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Etna, Women's Miss.	Mrs. A. H. Calvert	Etna "	61	9	.....	40	30	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	124	5	107
Y. People's Miss.	Miss Tillie A. Dickson	Sharpsburgh "	30	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	12	6	38	1	45
Fleming, Ladies, Miss.	Mrs. Anderson	Emsworth "	34	8	10	30	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	56	.....	.....
Willing Workers	Mrs. A. Flick	" "	14	.....	20	20	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....
Glade Run, Ladies' Miss.	Mrs. D. T. McClamont	Glade Mills "	30	9	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....

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Allegheny Continued.																
Children's Miss., Band	Miss Mary Urbauch	Glade Mil's, Pa.	20	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Mt. Nebo, Women's Miss	Mrs. D. R. Imbrie	Dixmont, "	15	.....	10	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	.....	.....
Oak Grove Women's Miss	Mrs. Mary C. Harbison	Saxonburg, "	14	6	.....	10	5	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....
Pine Creek, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. A. Rodgers	Talley Ovey, "	9	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	21	.....	.....
Sewickley, Ladies' Miss. and Aid	Mrs. John Richardson	Sewickley, "	16	13	.....	10	.....	.....	5	15	10	15	13	73	1	52
Dorcas Society	Miss Edith Miller	" "	11	.....	10	10	10	5	.....	3	.....	.....	1	39	1	35
†Emma McD. Arnott Fellowship	Miss Jennie Smith	" "	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....
Springdale, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. T. D. Mellon	Springdale, "	18	26	10	5	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	26	.....	.....
Willing Workers	Miss Lydia Clements	" "	27	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....
Tarentum, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. S. M. Black	Tarentum, "	24	9	35	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	77	.....	.....
†East Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Union, Women's Miss	Mrs. R. H. Park	Valencia, Pa.	23	11	20	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1	49	.....	.....
Allegheny Presb	Jennie B. Wallace, Sec	Sewickley, Pa.	1869	358	1592	1107	495	201	93	128	361	594	213	4784	42	824
Argyle.																
Argyle, Women's Miss	Mrs. Jean M. Turnbull	Argyle, Washington Co., N. Y.	112	16	110	12	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	1	12
Argyle, Young Ladies'	Miss Helen Gill	Argyle, Washington Co "	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	3	28
Argyle, North	Mrs. Alexander Copeland	North Argyle, Washington Co "	50	20	75	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	1	9
Argyle, Ready Workers	Miss Sarah McDougall	North Argyle, Washington Co "	16	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Argyle, South	Mrs. Anna Reid	South Argyle, Washington Co "	40	5	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Cambridge	Mrs. S. J. Kyle	Cambridge, Washington Co "	24	12	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	34	1	20
Coila	Mrs. Julia Gordon	Coila, Washington Co "	20	4	50	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	5
Greenwich	Mrs. R. W. A. Morris	Greenwich, Washington Co "	34	3	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	27	.....	.....
Hebron	Mrs. J. R. Willett	West Hebron, Washington Co "	115	1	50	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	.....
Hebron West	Mrs. J. T. McClellan	West Hebron, Washington Co "	50	11	61	20	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	6	96	.....	.....
Putnam	Mrs. Carrie Reynolds	Putnam, Washington Co "	24	7	25	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....
Putnam, Willing Workers	Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin	Putnam, Washington Co "	22	7	.....	8	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1	12
Salem	Miss S. J. Hanna	Salem, Washington Co "	32	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	54	3	72
Salem, Young Helpers	Miss Etta Thompson	Salem, Washington Co "	120	3	.....	73	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	.....	.....
Shushan	Mrs. D. J. Mckay	Shushan, Washington Co "	30	8	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	7	57	1	12
Shushan, Mission Band	Miss Stella Fuller	Shushan, Washington Co "	22	.....	5	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	3	5	2	45	.....	.....
Faithful's	Miss Fannie Robertson	Coila, Washington Co "	*26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Argyle Presb	Mrs. M. R. Copeland, Sec	North Argyle, Washington Co "	765	97	618	166	161	54	.....	9	12	13	21	1054	11	170
Arkansas Valley.																
Anthony	Mrs. Fannie Jackson	Anthony, Kansas.	12	3	5	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	51	.....	63	.....	.....
Arkansas City	Mrs. Amelia White	Arkansas City "	23	8	19	24	12	19	12	6	12	25	.....	129	.....	.....
Colony	Mrs. E. J. McCarroll	Colobran "	13	2	5	.....	5	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
Cold Water	Mrs. Alice Boyce	Coldwater "	10	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Newton	Mrs. Bell Strain	Newton "	16	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	.....	67	.....	.....
Minnescah	Mrs. Emma Robinson	Keotone "	25	10	.....	14	13	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....
Sterling	Mrs. E. A. Spencer	Sterling "	23	5	18	56	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	10	26	106	.....	.....
Sterling	Miss Sadie Forsythe	Sterling "	16	8	13	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	10	47	.....	.....
Stafford	Mrs. Geo. LeGredge	Stafford "	41	2	13	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....
Towner	Mrs. Ella Johnston	Towner, Colorado.	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	7	.....	.....
Walton	Mrs. Agnes Mustard	Walton, Kansas.	19	2	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	35	.....	.....
Walton, Aid Soc	Miss Gertrude Gilchrist	Walton "	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	47	.....	.....
Horace	.....	Horace "	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sterling, Mission Band	.....	Sterling "	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wichita	Mrs. Sadie Seawright	Wichita "	14	7	8	5	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Arkansas Valley Presb	Miss. Ella Johnston, Sec	207 Ohio St., Wichita "	277	50	106	112	30	37	29	19	32	217	36	608	.....	.....

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Beaver Valley.

Beaver, W. M. S.	Mrs. W. S. Harper	Beaver, Beaver Co.	Pa.	37	15	70	17	10						4	101	6	87
Beaver, Y., People	Miss. Lizzie Scroggs	Beaver, Beaver Co.	"	30		18		8						3	24	3	33
Beaver, Children's	Mamie Aughenbaugh	Beaver, Beaver Co.	"	30				6							6	1	3
Beaver Falls, W. M. S.	Mrs. Clara Henderson	Beaver Falls	"	12	32	5	10	5	3	2					25		
Beaver Falls, Y. W. S.	Nora Words	Beaver Falls	"	29		17	7	7	15					7	53	2	15
Bethel, W. M. S.	Mrs. L. M. Walker	Enon Valley, Lawrence Co.	"	20	17	54	28		7		7			2	93		
Camp Run, W. M. S.	Mrs. Nina McElwaine	Pleasant Hill	"	12	4	13	12							80	106	1	10
Centre, W. M. S.	Mrs. T. A. Houston	Newcastle, Lawrence Co.	"	25	3	12	14					6	42		74		
Darlington, W. M. S.	Mrs. Hugh Sturgeon	Darlington	"	18	10	6	5	5		5					21		
Four Mile, W. M. S.	Miss. M. L. Scott	Beaver, Beaver Co.	"	34		27									27		
Mt. Jackson, W. M. S.	Mrs. D. M. Clark	Mt Jackson	"	30	4	10	9	5	10					1	85	1	12
Mountville, W. M. S.	Miss. Dora McClymonds	Portersville, Butler Co.	"	38	2	25	3							1	29	1	10
Oakland, L. M. S.	Mrs. A. T. Weller	New Brighton	"	12													
New Brighton, L. M. S.	Mrs. C. S. Wendt	New Brighton, Beaver Co.	"	22		12	10							1	23	1	12
New Brighton, Willing Workers	Mary McClean	New Brighton, Beaver Co.	"	30		34		2							36		
Neshannock, W. M. S.	Mrs. Wesley Rhodes	Newcastle, Lawrence Co.	"	30	10	27	20	11				3	4		65	1	5
1st New Castle, W. M. S.	Mrs. N. W. McFate	Neshannock Ave., Newcastle	"	25	3	30	12						8	6	56	1	25
1st Young Ladies Band	Miss Lizzie Davidson	Newcastle	"	22		8	3	3							14		
2d New Castle, W. M. S.	Mrs. R. J. Blevins	Newcastle	"	28	6	5	15	7	7	5	2	4		1	46	1	17
2d New Castle, Mission Band	Miss. Edna Lowe	Newcastle	"	29				2				5	13		20		
Oak Grove, W. M. S.	Mrs. D. W. White	McCaslin, Lawrence Co.	"	30	9	23	17	10							50		
Rock Springs, W. M. S.	Miss. Belle Patterson	Darlington	"	40	2	65	35	20	5					6	131	2	8
Wurtemburg, W. M. S.	Mrs. A. R. Telford	Wurtemburg, Lawrence Co.	"	20	9	10	5	2					2		19	1	8
Portersville, W. M. S.	Mrs Nellie R. Frazier	Portersville, Butler Co.	"	35	11	10	18								23	1	25
Mahoming	Mrs. Clara Cramer	Lowellville	Ohio.	26													
BEAVER VALLEY PRESB.	Mrs. R J. Blevins, Sec.	Newcastle	Pa.	665	187	476	230	103	47	12	9	18	69	112	1076	23	280

Big Spring.

Big Spring	Miss. Nan McKeehan	Newville	Pa.	47	17	34	16		18						68	1	33
Cove	Miss M. S. Taggart	Webster Mills, Fulton Co.	"	25	5	25							40	2	67	1	50
Concord																	
Guinston	Mrs. Ida Martin	Muddy Creek Forks	Pa.	24	14	6	8	7							21		
Lower Chacneford	Mrs. Jane A. McCollam	Ansville, York Co.	"	22	6	15			13						8		
Mexico	Miss. Margaret Adams	Mifiintown	"	20	2	21	21								42		
Stone Valley	Miss. Anna Porter	McAlevay's Fort	"	23	6	10	10	5							25		
Mission Band	Miss. Abbie Hunter	McAlevay's Fort	"					1							1		
Tuscarora	Mrs. Eliza A. Patterson	McCoysville	"	18	8	13									13		
Newville Mission Band	Miss. Emma P. Gracey	Newville Cumb., Co.	"	25		10		8			11				29	1	
BIG SPRING PRESB.	Miss. M S. Taggart, Sec.	Webster Mills	"	204	53	134	55	21	31		11		40	2	294	3	94

Boston.

Providence	Miss Sarah Johston	Providence	R. I.	30		16	7	16					5		44		
Whitsunville Band	James McAllister	Whitsunville	Mass.	52	2		25								25		
BOSTON PRESB.				82	2	16	32	16					5		69		

Brookville.

Atwood	Mrs. R. M. Patterson	Atwood, Armstrong Co.	Pa.	22	3	25	5	6	2	2	1			1	42		
Beaver Run	Mrs. T. A. Fitch	Stanton, Jefferson Co.	"	13	8	10		15						3	28		
Beracha	Miss Jennie Morrow	Plumville, Indiana Co.	"	25	1	10	5	5	2		1		2	3	28		
Cherry Run	Mrs. A. S. Stewart	Rimersburg, Clarion Co.	"	15		5									5		
Dayton	Mrs. H. D. McCreery	Dayton, Armstrong Co.	"	21	2	12								4	16		
Jefferson	Mrs. E. A. McGiffen	Baxter, Jefferson Co.	"	23		27									27		
Mt. Zion	E. H. McClymonds	Templeton, Armstrong Co.	"	12	3	5	5								10		
Plum Creek	Mrs. Clara Wallace	Willet, Indiana Co.	"	18	4	15									15		
Richmond	Mrs. M. F. Given	Rochester Mills, Indiana Co.	"	13	7	15	3							2	20		
Smyrna	Mrs. W. D. Ewing	Elkins, Indiana Co.	"	22	2	10		5	5					3	23		
Mahoning	Miss Mary E. Works	Marion Center, Indiana Co.	"	17	1	10	10			1	1				22	1 box	15
Brookville	No report received			*15	1												
BROOKVILLE PRESB.	Miss Mary E. Works, Sec.	Marion Center, Indiana Co.	Pa.	216	32	144	28	31	9	3	3		2	16	236	1	15

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Butler.																
Buffalo, W. M. S.	Mrs. Sadie Leslie	Slate Lick, Pa.	20	.....	10	10	....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	.....	.....
Butler Miss., Association	Mrs. S. M McKee	Butler "	46	17	2	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	17.50	1	50
Centreville, W. M. S.	Mrs. S. J. M. Gilfillan	North Liberty "	25	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	2	.....	1	13	1	40
Fairview, W. M. S.	Mrs. R. M. Sherrard	Baldwin, Butler Co. "	25	15	30	42	12	.....	.....	26	.....	2	.....	112	.....	.....
Mission Band	Miss May Wilson	Baldwin, Butler Co. "	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Freeport, W. M. S.	Miss Retta McCain	Freeport "	10	8	30	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	42	.....	.....
Young Ladies M. S.	Miss Linn Henderson	Freeport "	12	.....	.....	10	.....	10	.....	10	7	.....	5	42	.....	.....
Grove City, W. M. S.	Miss Maggie Kelley	Grove City "	20	24	7	10	2	10	10	.....	.....	.....	6	45	2	38
Mission Band	Mrs. C. B. Stewart	Grove City "	40	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
Harlansburg W. M. S.	Mrs. Mary Brown	Harlansburg "	13	3	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	1	30	1	50
Harmony L. M. S.	Miss Mary G. Brown	Harrisville "	80	14	65	39	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	119	2	60
Kittanning L. M. S.	Mrs. D. McCaw	Kittanning "	25	8	9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	28	.....	.....
Prospect W. M. S.	Mrs James Clark	Prospect "	24	8	18	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	34	1	10
West Liberty	Mrs. Mattie Moore	Jacksville "	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Unity L. M. S.	Miss Samantha Seaton	Boyers "	20	2	10	5	10	5	5	7	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....
West Sunbury L. M. S.	Mrs. J. Hall Breaden	West Sunbury "	40	38	5	10	10	5	3	5	8	61	5	132	1	43
White Oak Springs	Mrs. J. B. Borland	Buttercup "	28	6	14	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....
Willing Workers	Miss Lizzie M. Borland	Buttercup "	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Lick	No report		*21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield			*26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Worthington	Miss Aggie Kerr	Worthington Pa.	*11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union			*11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Chestnut			*21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BUTLER PRESB.	Mrs. J. Hall Breaden, Sec.	West Sunbury Pa.	544	146	228	177	75	68	18	58	51	1782	28	2485	9	291
Caledonia, N. Y.																
Beulah	Mrs. David Anderson	Mumford, Monroe Co. N. Y.	22	5	13	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
2nd Buffalo	Mrs. Mary P. Thompson	394 S. Division St., Buffalo "	29	3	.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Caledonia	Mrs. Thos. Brodie	Caledonia, Livingston Co. "	35	12	48	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	4	125
Pearl Gatherers	Miss Mary E. Williams	Caledonia, Livingston Co. "	37	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Covington	Mrs. M. Gilfillan	Peoria, Wyoming Co. "	20	10	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Cheerful Workers	Mrs. I. Shay	Peoria, Wyoming Co. "	18	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Cuylerville	Mrs. J. Rippey	Cuylerville, Livingston Co. "	18	9	8	8	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1	29	.....	.....
Franklinville	Mrs. J. B. Lee	Franklinville, Catt Co. "	59	12	23	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	53	.....	.....
Lyndon	Mrs. Geo. W. Hogg	Franklinville, Catt Co. "	32	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	4	5	.....	.....
Mumford	Mrs. L. W. Ryam	Mumford, Monroe Co. "	24	10	30	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	54	1	40
Young Peoples	Miss Amy Post	Mumford, Monroe Co. "	20	.....	4	4	3	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Cheerful Workers	Miss Ruth Campbell	Mumford, Monroe Co. "	27	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Sterling Valley	Mrs. R. Lesson	Sterling Valley "	36	3	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	41	.....	.....
Pearl Gatherers	Mrs. A. H. Cooper	Sterling Valley "	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6	1	20
†York	Mrs. A. K. Duff	York, Livingston Co. "	85	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rope Holders	Miss Martha Root	York, Livingston Co. "	*35	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lyndon Mission Band	No Report		*20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklinville Young Ladies	No Report		*10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CALEDONIA PRESB.	Miss Libbie Johnston, Sec.		511	77	181	123	31	5	3	3	1	37	22	406	6	185
Cedar Rapids.																
Amity	Mrs. J. M. Hamilton	Reinbeck Iowa.	25	17	25	25	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	105	.....	.....
Amity Willing Workers	Mrs. J. M. Hamilton	Reinbeck "	20	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....

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Cedar Rapids Continued.																	
1st Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Mary Buchanan	Cedar Rapids	Iowa.	12	15	5	5	5	5	5			104	9	138		
1st C. R. Willing Workers	Mrs. Jennie Monteith	Cedar Rapids	"	11					5	5			34		44		
2nd Cedar Rapids	Mrs. James Gordon	Cedar Rapids	"	19	1	25	10	25		7					67		
Garner	Mrs. Ada Blair Anderson	Garner, Hancock Co.	"	20	12	18	25	10	18	16	8		10	12	117	2	29
Goldfield	Mrs. Nettie S. Findley	Goldfield	"	22	5	10	10	4	5				26	4	59		
Pratt Creek	Mrs. Mary Sharp	Vinton	"	24	6	30	28	10	9					11	88	1	12
Traer	Mrs. J. M. Henderson	Traer	"	27	16	12	12	61	6			6		6	108	1	7
Willing Working	Miss Christie Vogt	Traer	"	34		2		5	5			5	5	34	56	1	7
CEDAR RAPIDS PRESB	Margaret Sidney Cooper, Rec.Sec	Cedar Rapids	Iowa.	214	72	131	119	140	73	33	8	11	179	91	785	5	55
Chartiers.																	
Cannonsburg	Mrs. C. M. Greer	Cannonsburg	Pa.	50	18	9	20	20						8	57	1	10
Shining Light Mission Band	Miss Mary Donaldson	Cannonsburg	"	47				10					8	5	23	1	24
Centre	Name not given			16	8	25						13		4	42	4	83
Chartiers	Mrs. F. Weir	Cannonsburg	Pa.	85	12	167	50						20		287	2	
Chartiers Young Ladies	Miss Darlie Bebout	Cannonsburg	"	25	7	60							1	4	65	1	10
Chartiers Cross Roads	Mrs. Rachel B. Timmons	McConnell's Mills, Wash. Co.	"	50	16	73	46	19				15			153	3	50
Claysville	Mrs. Louise S. McLachlan	Clayville, Wash. Co.	"	25	5	25	7	5							37		
Claysville King's Daughters	Mrs. John Wright	Crothers	"	12		25								1	26		
Houstonville 1st Church	Mrs. W. G. Berry	Houstonville, Wash. Co.	"	45	5		5	3		5		5		3	21	1	20
Houstonville Mission Band	Ellie Riggle	Houstonville, Wash. Co.	"	35			10							59	69		
Mount Hope	Mrs. M. J. Brownlee	West Middletown, Wash. Co.	"	18	4	25	22								47		
Mt. Hope Young Ladies	Miss Sadie J. Grimes	Atchison	"	10	4			7				6			13	1	10
Mount Pleasant	Miss Venna Griffith	Hickory, Wash. Co.	"	53	20	50	25	25	25				11	9	145	15	
Mount Prospect	Miss Kate Speer	Thomas, Wash. Co.	"	30	12	25	25							1	51		
North Buffalo	Mrs. Jennie Jamison	Buffalo, Wash. Co.	"	16	18	25	77				10			4	116		
Peters Creek	Mrs. Lizzie R. Patterson	Library, Allegheny Co.	"	54	1	55	50							2	107		
Pigeons Creek	Mrs. E. A. Comin	Eighty Four, Wash. Co.	"	54	16	302								2	304	1	8
Pigeon Creek Mission Band	Miss M. Lizzie Weir	Eighty Four, Wash. Co.	"	17			10	6							16		
Taylorstown	Mrs. Nannie M. Crawford	Taylorstown, Wash. Co.	"	17	4	15	4		4			4	5	1	33	1	12
Taylorstown Young People	Miss Maude Hodgens	Taylorstown, Wash. Co.	"	24	1	10	25								35		
Venice	Miss Mary B. Anderson	Venice, Wash. Co.	"	23	23	17		19	21		20	60		10	147	2	60
Washington	Mrs. Sarah B. Moore	122 W. Chestnut St., Washington	"	83	52	50	91	47	15	10	20		209	7	449	1	
Wash. Help a Little M. B.	Miss Birdie L. Johnston	188 N. Main St., Washington	"	38				20	5			12	5	3	45	1	14
West Middleton	Mrs. R. E. Lackey	West Middletown, Wash. Co.	"	38	10	50	25	20							95	1	35
Willing Workers	No Report			*19													
Washington Young Ladies	Miss Birdie Johnston	Washington	Pa.	20													
CHARTIERS PRESB	Miss Jennie Fife, Sec	Thomas	Pa.	865	236	1008	492	201	70	15	50	115	259	123	2333	36	336
Chicago, Ill.																	
Camp Creek	Miss Lizzie Carson	Zion, Carroll Co.	Ill.	28	6	17	13	12						5	47		
First Chicago	Mrs. S. K. Crawford	680 W. Monroe St., Chicago	"	50	41	30	45					3	11	3	92	2	15
Second "	Mrs. James Kenedy	6310 Sherman St., Englewood		18	6	25	7	7							39		
Hanover	Mrs. T. Killough	Hanover Junction, Daviess Co.	"	30	4												
Rock Run	Miss Anna Caldwell	Dakota	"	22	10	25			100		4				129		
Wheatland	Mrs. Frank McMicken	Tamarack, Will Co.	"	22	17	4	4	33			19	12	9	16	88	2	17
" King's Daughters	Mrs. Findlay	Tamarack, Will Co.	"	13								1	8	1	10	1	8
" Boy's Mission Band	Miss Jessie Burnett	Tamarack, Will Co.	"	13		2	2	8							12		
Wilton	Mrs. J. W. Cleland	Peotone, Will Co.	"	18	6	8			5	5	2	2	10		32		
Wilton Busy Bee																	
CHICAGO PRESB	Mrs. James A. Patten	356 Warren Ave., Chicago	"	214	90	111	71	60	105	5	16	18	38	25	449	5	40
Chillicothe.																	
Cherry Fork	Miss Maud Maxwell	Cherry Fork	Ohio.	47			15				30		28	4	77	1	52
Peebles	Miss Inez Rees	Peebles, Adams Co.	"	11	5		42							2	44		
Tranquility	No Report			*25	3												
Troy	No Report	For two years															
Unity	Mrs. T. J. Meloy	Harshaville	Ohio.	13	7	11	10	9	5	4			3	4	46		
CHILLICOTHE PRESB	Minnie E. Harsha	Harshaville	"	95	15	11	67	9	5	4	30		31	10	167	1	52

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College Springs.																
Adams, L. M. S.	Mrs. Saunders	Lenox, Iowa.	7	2	5	4	2	2	1				5	19		
Adams, M. B.	Minnie Henry	Lenox, "	8		3									3		
Atlantic, L. M. S.	Miss Nannie Dawson	Atlantic, "	17	6	20	5				2				27		
Clarinda, L. M. S.	Mrs. S. R. Millen	Clarinda, "	20	6	45	6	10		5					66	1	30
College Springs, L. M. S.	Mrs. John Henderson	College Springs, "	40		62	5	15	10						92		
College Springs, Y. L. M. S.	Miss Emma Williams	College Springs, "	15		37	3	6							46		
Buds of Primrose	Bertie George	College Springs, "	42												1quilt	3
Coin, L. M. S.	Mrs. Mary Dowell	Coin, "	20	1	5	7	5	3	4					24		
Clearfield, L. M. S.	Mrs. S. W. Lorimer	Clearfield, "	13	8	8	5	3							16		
Creston, L. M. S.	Mrs Jennie Lafferty	Creston, "	22	3												
Eugene, L. M. S.	Mrs. V. Fullerton	Tingley, "	21	10	20	10	5	10					27	72		
Eugene, M. B.	Edith Dunlap	Shannon City, "	28		10	10	10							30		
Indian Creek, L. M. S.	Mrs. Nannie Martin	Emerson, "	6	2		10	15	5						30		
Lenox, L. M. S.	Mrs. John R. Giles	Lenox, "	27	4	15	5		5				45		70		
Mt. Ayr, L. M. S.	Mrs. T. Liggett	Mt. Ayr, "	22	10	25									25		
North Page, L. M. S.	Mrs. Jane Pollock	Villisca, "	18	3	40		5							45		
Platte Valley, L. M. S.			*30													
Page Center, L. M. S.	Mrs. J. H. Dugan	Page Center, Iowa.	11	8	12	5							3	20		
Red Oak, L. M. S.	Mrs. C. L. Graham	Red Oak, "	22	6	35	10								45		
Tarkio, L. M. S.	Mrs. W. P. McNary	Tarkio, Mo.	36	20	75	37	10				6		5	133	4	
Tingley, L. M. S.	Mrs. J. P. Gibson	Tingley, Iowa.	26	14	15	16	5	27	1					64		
York, L. M. S.	Mrs. S B. Torrence	York, Mo.	13	5	10	5	13	14			4		17	63	1	
COLLEGE SPRINGS PRESBY.	Mrs. Joseph McNab, Sec.	Tingley, Ringgold Co., Iowa.	430	108	442	143	104	76	11	2	10	45	57	890	7	23
Colorado.																
Ladies Missionary Society	Mrs. W. S. Sloan	Denver, Col	38	15	50	50							20	120		
‡Ladies Missionary Society	Mrs. J. L. Hervey	Pueblo, "	21	3								58	20	78		
Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. Susan Blair	Loveland, "	28	16	13	15						30	9	67		
Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. H. E Spicer	Colorado Springs, "	25	14		8		15		7		2	15	47		
Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. W. Mitchell	Greely, "	34	25	21	8	12	8				515		564		
Boy's Band of Willing Workers	Bruce Hamly	Denver, "	16					10						8		
Girl's Band of Buds of Primrose	Grace Hall	Denver, "	20					‡ 8						10		
Mission Band	Eugene Briggs	Pueblo, "	20									9		9		
Mission Band	Mary Ewing	Greeley, "	32							2			1	3		
Young Ladies, „ The Whatsoevers"	Miss Clara Murray	Colorado Springs, "	12													
Girls Band, Busy Bees		Colorado Springs, "	14													
Boy's Band, Young Gleaners		Colorado Springs, "	15													
COLORADO PRESB.	Mrs. Katherine M. Brown, Sec.	Greeley, "	275	73	84	81	12	41		9		614	65			
Concordia.																
Amity			27	4												
Concordia	Mrs. M. M. Kempton	Minersville, Kan.	13	1		7	5							12	1	3
Fairview	No Report		*19													
Hopewell	No Report															
Idana	Mary E. McClellan	Idana, Kan.	17	1	11	19								30		
CONCORDIA PRESB.	Congregational, Sec.		88	6	11	26	5							42	1	3

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Conemaugh.																			
Altoona, April, 1892																			
Bethel	Mrs. Lizzie Campbell	Heshbon	Pa.	35	5	31								1	32				
Blairsville	Mrs. W. H. McMaster	Blairsville	"	16	12	60	5	5	10					9	3	92	3	70	
Willing Workers	Mrs. W. H. McMaster	Blairsville	"	30		8								5		10			
Conemaugh	Mrs. E'izabeth Du can	Livermore	"	20		25									2	27			
Crete	Mrs. Lizzie McGaguhey	Tannery	"	12	3	25										25			
Elderton	Mrs. S. N. Ralston	Elderton	"	12	5	26							3		1	30	1	24	
Homer	Mrs. Robert Carson	Graceton	"	15	1	20										20			
Indiana	Mrs. A. Pauline Nichol	Indiana	"	44	36	90					9				6	105	3	70	
Jacksonville	Mrs. Mary McCracken	Kent	"	20	8	38	8	25	6	6						83	1	25	
Johnstown	Mrs. J. C. Greer	Johnstown	"	19	6	15									1	16			
Gordon Band	Mrs. A. E. Shaffer	Johnstown	"	18							7					7			
Mechanicsburg	Mrs. Julia Dick	Brush Valley	"	10	2	17	20								1	38			
Saltsburg	Mrs. A. E. Daugherty	Saltsburg	"	17	1	13	8	4							27	52			
Shilocta	Mrs. Julia Cunningham	India a, Walt Box	"	22	1	25									2	27			
Miss C. M. W. Foster		New Alexandria	"			25										25			
Jacksonville Girls	Miss Sadie Hazlett	Kent	"	*10															
Saltsburg Mission Band																			
CONEMAUGH PRESB	Miss M. Lide Orr, Sec	Blairsville	Pa.	300	80	418	41	34	16	6	16	3	11	44		589	8	189	
Cleveland.																			
First Cleveland	Mrs. J. T. Logue	1648 Hough Ave		31	8	5	5	30	5			10	380	7		442	2	40	
East Palestine	Mrs. C. P. Rothwell	East Palestine	Ohio.	25	2	23		40				5	5	4		72	3	30	
New Lisbon	Mrs. J. Mac Moore	New Lisbon	"	9		13	12	16	6	6						47	2	40	
Pol Struthers—Poland	Mrs. J. A. Smith	Struthers	"	15	6	5		15	15	6	3		3	2		49			
Youngstown																			
Second Cleveland																			
CLEVELAND PRESB				80	16	46	17	101	20	12	3	10	388	13		610	7	110	
Deleware.																			
Andes		Andes	N. Y.	15	5	11	8						6			25	1	30	
Bovina	Mrs. A. C. Pressly	Bovina Centre	"	47	6						36			8		44	2	55	
Bovina, Mission Band																			
Garrettsville	A. E. Clapperton	Garrettsville, Otsego Co	N. Y.	25															
North Kortright	Mrs. A. M. Smeallie	North Kortright	"	20															
1st Kortright	Mrs. N. E. Wade	Kortright Centre	"	22	1	26	27						20			73	2	30	
West Kortright	Miss Reba Blakely	East Meredith, Del., Co	"		4		20									20	1	20	
West Kortright, Mission Band	Miss L. J. Scott	East Meredith, Del., Co	"	16		10	10	5					16			41			
Stamford	Mrs. J. J. Andrews	South Kortright	"	36	11		20	20	51							91	1	40	
Stamford, Mission Band	Miss Hattie King	Hobart	"	16	1	25										25			
DELEWARE PRESB	Mary A. McKee, Sec			197	28	72	85	25	51		36		42	8		319	8	205	
Des Moines.																			
Service	Mrs. Janet Wycoff	Albia	Iowa	11	2	5	5	5			5			5		25			
Second Des Moines	Mrs. W. H. Patterson	575 Center St., Des Moines	"	19	8	25	7	7	7					4		50	1	25	
Sommerset	Mrs. Anna Welch	Sommerset	"	15	14	65	13					10		9		97	1	35	
Cheerful Workers	Miss Flora Ledley	Sommerset	"	12		12	13				9					34			
Winterset	Mrs. Sarah E. Lindsay	Winterset	"	12	5	10										10	3	25	
Dexter	Mrs. M. W. Brown	Dexter	"	11	4	10		7								17			
Indianola	Mrs. Emma Calhoun	Indianola	"	25	16	50										50			
Oskaloosa	Mrs. Wm. McKirahan	Oskaloosa	"	23	23	25	7						12	3		47	1	61	
St. Charles	Mrs. J. M. Brown	St. Charles	"	14	6	5			12					3		20			
Bagley	Mrs. Elis Todd	Bagley	"	7	2		5	5								10			
Knoxville	Mrs. M. J. Coates	Knoxville	"	14	4	5	11	5	4					1		26			
Chariton	Mrs. David Gowe	Chariton	"	24	9	20	3	3	3	3	3		5	30		70			
Palo Alto	Mrs. Robert M. Hill	Newton	"	9	2	5	3							1		9			
Unity	Mrs. R. G. Campbell	Cedar	"	22	11	24	8						2	4		38	1	12	
Monroe	Miss Sarah Simpson	Monroe	"	30	8	23	6	8	9							46	2	28	

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Des Moines, Continued.																
Monroe Willing Workers	Mrs. A. R. Mumford	Monroe, Iowa	25		7					10				17	1	5
First Des Moines	Mrs. W. A. Cresswell	1431 Grand Ave., Des Moines, "	55	8	15	8	8	12					10	53	2	83
Guernsey	Mrs. J. H. Wherry	Guernsey, "	9	2	5								2	7		
Newton	Mrs. A. L. Dickson	Newton, "	13		10	6		3					7	26		
Union	Mrs. M. J. Spence	Pitzer, "	23		22								2	24		
North Branch	Mrs. Lucinda Reed	Van Metre, "	*24													
Lacona	Miss Anna McCain	Lacona, "	*12													
Milo	Mrs S. P. Speer	Milo, Warren County, "	*7													
North England	Mrs. J. H. Wherry	Guernsey, "	*8													
DES MOINES	Mrs. Allie Cassil	1030 17th St., Des Moines, "	343	124	343	95	48	50	3	27	10	19	81	676	12	269
Detroit.																
Southfield	Mrs. Aggie Hutton	Southfield, Mich	14	6	10	10				10				30		
Troy	Mrs. Hattie T. Orr	Birmingham, "	35	11	20	25	5	5		10				65		
Detroit	Mrs. W. H. Vincent	276 Fourth S reet, Detroit, "	15	6	14	30	5	5					2	56	1	50
DETROIT PRESB			64	23	44	65	10	16		20			2	151	1	50
Egypt.																
Alexandria	Miss Frazier	Alexandria, Egypt	27		3											
Assioot	Lesma Hanna	Assioot, "	83		67											
Boulac	Mustapuyah Bishhairron	Cairo, "	23		29											
Ezbykeegah	Mrs. E. M. Giffen	Cairo, "	41		23											
Haret-E-Bak-Kaeen	Miss Brown	Cairo, "	19		48											
Monsoura	Miss Strange	Monsura, "	28		6											
Sinnoris	Rev. Shamodeh	Sinnoris, "	15		8											
Koos	Rev. Anshalian	Koos, "	35	20	25											
EGYPT PRESB	Mrs. Alexander, Secy	Assioot, "	271	20	209									209		
Frankfort.																
Clinton, W. M. S	Mrs. Kate Eaton	Clinton, Allegheny Co., Pa.	30	3		20		12					12	44		
Golden Link, M. B	Mrs. Chas. Weaver	Burgettstown, "	23		16	16	16							48	1	24
Hanover, L. M. S	Mrs. S. B. Stewart	Harshaville, Beaver Co., "	33	3		25								25		
Hookstown	Mrs. G. A, Roseburg	Hookstown, "	46	8	39	13	19				46		2	119	2	32
Cheerful Workers, M. B	Miss Francis Adams	Hookstown, "	35													
Frankfort			15	4			9	16						25		
Service																
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. A. S. Moore	Shippingport, Beaver Co., Pa.	32	4	10	10	10			6			2	38		
FRANKFORT PRESB	Mrs. D. S. Mckenzie	Harshaville, Pa.	214	22	65	84	54	28		6	46		16	299	3	56
Garnett, Kansas.																
Womens Missionary Society	Mrs. Harry Heasley	Americus, Kan.	43	6	7	15	9	9					1	41		
Waste Not Society	Nannie List	Americus, "	25			6								6		
Women's Missionary	Mrs. Mary Burns	Beulah, "	24	6								90	2	92		
Women's Missionary	Mrs. L. W. W lliamson	Chetopa, "	34	2	25	13		14						52		
Women's Missionary	Mrs. Alice B. Erskine	Edgerton, "	15	1	13	6								19		

Garnett, Kan., Continued.																		
Women's Missionary	Mrs. J. A. McKirahan	728 Const St., Emporia	Kan.	18	5	5		6						42	53			
Women's Missionary	Miss M. Hunter	Garnett	"	46	6	50	30	10		5					95	1	28	
Willing Workers	Elsie Adair	Garnett	"	30				12							12			
Wom-n's Missionary	Mrs. J. K. Duff	Lyndon	"	15	2	10	3	8	3	2			13		39		8	
Women's Missionary	Mrs. P. C Wright	322 Mulberry St., O tawa	"	28	11	10	2	2	2	2	2			5	25	1	15	
Mission Band	Mrs. P. C Wright	322 Mulberry St , Ottawa	"	2*			2	2							4			
Young Ladies M. S	Mrs. F. B. Peck	Ottawa	"	10		1	1	1	1	1				1	6			
Women's Missionary	Mrs. E. S. Richmond	Olathe	"	21	5	56			6					9	65			
Young Missionary	Miss Alta Henderson	Olathe	"	10	1		1								1			
Womens Missionary	Mrs M. J. Wilson	Richmond	"	12		16	18		3			3		5	45	1	14	
Willing Workers	Clara Akin	Richmond	"	10			4								4			
Women's Missionary	Mrs. Rev. McGill	Welda	"	22	7		5	1	4					5	24	1	4	
Willing Workers	Miss Nett e Ma key	Welda	"	26				5	4						9	1	10	
Blue Mound				*18														
1st Blue Mound, Young Ladies				*34														
Greeley				*10														
Howard				*8														
Olathe M. B. Willing Workers				*15														
GARNETT PRESB	Mrs. J. T. Adams			503	52	203	106	65	46	10	2	3	103	54	692	5	79	
Indiana.																		
Caledonia	Mrs. Stella Culbertson	Moorefield	Ind.	*20														
Carmel	Mrs. Anna B Lytle	Hanover	"	20	6	30	11	15	9					4	69			
Carmel Mission Band	Ida M. Tait	Hanover	"	12		5	5								10			
Indianapolis	Mrs. J. P. Cowans	313 North E St., Indianapolis	"	22	16	18	21	2	50	2	2		2	50	98			
Madison	Mrs. J. L. Aten	806 W. Second St., Madison	"	16	8	15	8						5	8	36			
Madison Mission Band	Miss Sue McFetridge	313 Depot St., Madison	"	5	1	2	2	1	1	1					7			
Milroy	Mrs. Amy Brown	Milroy, Rush Co	Ind.	10	2	35	3	2	2	2	1				45			
Richland	Miss Mattie Harl	Richland, Rush Co	"	10	5	30	10	9	5			3	5	1	63	1	15	
Rushville	Mrs. Anna M. French	Rushville	"	19	10	19	5	12						3	39	3	46	
Shiloh	Miss Lizzie Huddleson	Dunreith, Henry County	"	24	20	45	23	7						5	80			
Spring Hill	Mrs. Florence Meek	Spring Hill	"	*30														
INDIANA PRESB	Mrs. L. Aten Rapp, Sec			180	68	199	88	48	67	5	3	3	12	21	445	4	16	
Indiana Northern.																		
Bethsaida	Mrs. L. E. Boyd	Tipton	Ind.	21	7				20						20			
Hebron	No Report																	
Idaville	Mrs. A. K. Strane	Idaville	Ind.	13		6	6		9					1	22			
Mt. Pleasant				*10														
Salem				*10														
Sharon	Mrs. Rhoda Hanna	Selma, Del. Co	Ind.	10	1	1		1		1					3			
NORTHERN INDIANA PRESB				64	8	7	6	1	29	1				1	45			
Iowa—North West.																		
Boyden Aid	Mrs. M. Peary	Boyden	Iowa.	13														
Ireton	Mrs. E. F. Brown	Ireton	"	3	15		8	20							28	1	20	
Quimby	No Report																	
Rock Valley	Mrs. C. L. McCracken	Rock Valley	Iowa.	20		10	10	5							25			
NORTHERN IOWA PRESB				65	23	10	18	25							53	1	20	
Illinois—Central.																		
Hoopestown	Mrs. A. J. Hanna	Hoopestown	Ill.	2	1	5	20		8					1	34			
Oak Grove	Mrs. Louise Hilton	Yuton	"	1			2							2	22			
Pana	Mrs. E. M. Reed	Pana	"	10		5								11	16			
Paxton	Mrs. Agnes Wylie	Paxton	"	16	8	20	10	15			13		10		68			
Piper City, L. M. S	Mrs. J. P. McDanel	Piper City	"	15	4	43	30	48							121	1	15	

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Illinois, Central Continued.																
Piper City, Cheerful Workers	Mrs. J. P. McDanel	Piper City, Ill.	22			8						8		16		
Smithville	Mrs. Elizabeth Harper	Smithville "	17	8	33	12							6	51		
Washburn	Mrs. Elizabeth Fulton	Washburn "	13	6				90					3	93		
CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRESB.	Miss Ida E. McKibben, Sec.	Hoopestown, Ill.	126	27	106	100	63	98		13		18	23	421	1	15
Illinois—Southern.																
Bethel	Mrs. Lizzie Adair	Swanswick, Illinois.	35	6	55	5	10						2	72		
Cutler	Mrs. Mary Brown	Cutler "	15	2	20									20		
Coulterville	Mrs. R C. Monteith	Coulterville "	25	13	45	5	3	1	1			18	4	7		
Grand Ave.	Mrs. J. W. Ashwood	3632 Forest Park, Boulevard, St. Lo.	19	3	15	13		10		6			4	48		
Jordan's Grove	Mrs. R. Short	Marissa, Illinois.	29	2	45	8						6	4	63		
Marissa	Mrs. Lulu Borders	Marissa "	31	9	40	6	10			3		13	36	108		
Oakdale	Mrs. C. M. Ritchie	Oakdale "	32	6	10							2	23	35		
Prosperity	Mrs. R. E. Welkin	Tilden "	27	2	45	10	10	5	5					75		
Pulaski	Mrs. N. A. Galbraith	Swedenborg, Mo	10	2	6	4						23		33		
Romine Prairie	Mrs. R. W. Nairn	Foxville, Illinois.	25	2	10							23		33		
Romine Prairie, Willing Workers	Miss Bertha Burgess	Salem "	8							2		6		8		
Springfield	Mrs. Missourie Boyd	Sparta "	16		10									10		
Starkville	Mrs. W. B. Montgomery	Starkville, Miss.	18	2						50				50		
Sparta	Mrs. T. T. Finley	Sparta, Illinois.	44	11	90	20				3		34	7	154	1	4
Sparta, Young Helpers	Miss Lizzie Carson	Sparta "	34		21									21		
1st St. Louis	Mrs. E. F. Stewart	2742 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo.	20	10	108	30				5			450	593		
Union	Mrs. B. R. Whitehill	Sparta, Illinois.	17	6	20	90								110		
Union, Young Ladies	Miss Alice Smith	Sparta "	16		10	5	3				17	5	3	45	2	25
Dundas		Crocker, Mo.	14													
Lebanon		Four Mile	15													
Cheerful Workers		Pleasant Ridge	35													
Tilden			27													
Union			20													
Cuba																
1st St. Louis, Willing Workers	Mrs. Deny		35													
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PRESB.		St. Louis	53	76	550	196	36	16	6	69	17	127	535	1552	3	29
Kansas City.																
Greenwood	Mrs. J. Wilkins	Greenwood, Mo.	24	3	8	3	4							15	1	8
Hiawatha, L. M. S.	Mrs. Wylie	Hiawatha, Kansas.	26	4	15	15								30		
Horton	Mrs. J S. Colvin	Horton, Brown Co "	9	1	1					2			48	65		
1st Kansas City	Mrs. D. M. McClellan	1512 Holmes St., Kansas City, Mo.	30	12	25							26	76	127	1	50
2d Kansas City	Mrs. S. A. Park	1530 Wabash Ave. " " "	12	6	25	5	6	7					2	45		
Lawrence	Mrs. Dr. Dick	Lawerence, Kansas.	33	2	50	7	7	16					24	104	1	15
Mulberry	Mrs. M. E. Taylor	Mulberry, Mo.	14	4	9	2	8	1	1				41	57		
North Cedar	Mrs. Eva Dicky	Dennison, Kansas.	18	1	20			110					1	131		
Nortonville	Mary M. Hood	Nortonville "	17													
Topeka	Mrs. M. S. Lindsay	Topeka "	20	9	40							25	38	103		
Warrensburg	Mrs. J. C. Brison	Warrensburg, Mo.	5													
KANSAS CITY, PRESB.	Cora Douglas, Sec.		193	43	217	32	20	134	2		51	10	232	689	3	73

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Keokuk.																			
Burlington	Mrs. C. B. Sanderson	Burlington	Iowa.	56		10									10				
Birmingham	Mrs. Helen Cunningham	Birmingham	"	*20	1														
Brighton	Miss Maggie Yockey	Brighton	"	15	10														
Crawfordsville	Mrs. Mary Walker	Crawfordsville	"	24	4	25		19						3	47				
Columbus City	Mrs. A. Thompson	Columbus City	"	34	2	20									56				
Ainsworth	Mrs. Phebe McKenzie	Ainsworth	"	40	6	30						4			34	2	20		
Grand Prairie	Mrs. J. M. Ferguson	Washington	"	5	3	14						1		2	17	1	15		
Keokuk	Mrs. W. C. Williamson	Keokuk	"	22	11	15									48	1	17		
Keota	Mrs. L. H. Mitchell	Keota	"	19	1	15									15				
Living Lake	Miss Etta Palmer	Washington	"	32		16	15	15							46	1	10		
Morning Sun	Mrs. James Sterritt	Morning Sun	"	21	1	25	10								35				
First Washington	Mrs. Dr. Crawford	Washington	"	40	23	28	33	14					25		100	1	14,50		
Second Washington	Mrs. J. D. Palmer	Washington	"	37	7	20	10	13				3	5	5	56	2	50		
First Washington Young Ladies	Miss Eva McCobb	Washington	"	21		15	5	3							23				
Winfield	Mrs. Grace Stinson	Winfield	"	12	2	17	7	7							31				
West Chester	Mrs. Mary A. Sowash	West Chester	"	10	1	4	3	4							11	1	3		
Young Gleaners		Morning Sun	"	*10															
Ainsworth Mission Band	Leader, Mrs. Eva Welch	Ainsworth	"	24				3							3				
Columbus City Mission Band	Leader, Mrs. Ida M. Greer	Columbus City	"	25												1	2		
First Washington Mission Band	Ethel Langhead.	Washington	"	32				2				2			4	1	2		
Keokuk Pearl Gatherers				*23															
KEOKUK PRESB.	Mrs. J. A. Greer, Sec			431	71	254	83	80				10	30	10	467	11	223,50		
Lake.																			
Adamsville	Mrs. Ella Bennett	Adamsville	Pa.	20	11		17		12						29				
Cochranton	Mrs. Jesse Moore	Cochranton	"	25	6	5	5	5		5		6		2	28	1	41		
Erie	Mrs. C. J. Brown	Erie	"	52	21		19	9				6		12	46	2	13		
Coral Workers	Miss May McLure	Erie	"	12					5		5			7	17				
Evansburg	No Report	Evansburg	"																
Greenville	Mrs. J. C. Brown	Greenville	"	52	15	10	10	10	5					29	64				
Georgetown	No Report	Shaekleyville	"																
Hartstown	Miss E. McMichael	Adamsville	"	32	5	10			10			54	10	2	36	3	60		
Jamestown	Mrs. J. H. Christy	Jamestown	"	24	19	16	10			4			19	2	51	2	70		
Kerr's Ridge	Mrs. J. S. Dodds	Titusville	"	19	3	3	4	4				3			14	1	14		
North Shenango	Miss A. A. Barackman	Linesville	"	35	10	10	20			8		5	5	2	51	3	60		
Young Ladies	Miss Gertrude Bennett	Espyville Station	"	13	2	17						6		1	24	1	35		
Oil City	Mrs. J. J. Sharp	U. P. Parsonage, Oil City	"	23	7	10	10	15				2		6	43	2	35		
Powers	Miss L. C. Donnan	Cochranton	"	18		7									7				
Shenango Missionary and Aid	Miss Rebecca Aten	Westford	"	20	4	4	7	4					14	1	31	2	10		
Utica	Mrs. S. J. Lee	Utica	"	30	9	8		8	5			7	5	6	39	2	25		
Utica Mission Band	No Report	Utica	"																
Waterford	Miss Mary E. Moore	Waterford	"	24	16	43	18	16							77	1	5		
Waterford Mission Band	Lizzie Lytle			4				2							2				
LAKE PRESB.	Miss A. A. Barackman			407	128	144	120	73	37	17	5	39	53	70	558	20	368		
Le Claire.																			
Andrew	Mrs. R. C. Gibson	Andrew Jackson Co.	Iowa	11	6	8	3	10							21				
Bethel	No Report			*43															
Clarence	Mrs. C. Imrie	Clarence	Iowa.	15	8	5	5							20	30				
De Witt	Mrs. J. C. White	De Witt	"	17	8	12	19	8	8						47				
Elvira	Mrs. S. R. McLaughlin	Elvira	"	8	5	12									12				
Le Claire	Mrs. C. S. Cleland	Le Claire	"	35	4		13	28		5		15		19	91	1	20		
Stanwood	Mrs. J. C. Cruesdale	Stanwood	"	20	9	23	24								47				
Scotch Grove	Mrs. Maggie McMilne	Scotch Grove	"	13	5						62			2	64	1	41		
Wyoming	Mrs. E. M. Freish	Wyoming	"	10	2	12	10					2		2	26	1	14		
De Witt Willing Workers	Mattie Hannon	De Witt	"	43															
LE CLAIRE PRESB.	Jennie Kennedy, Sec	Grand Mound	"	215	47	72	84	46	8	5	62	17		43	337	3	73		

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Los Angeles, Cal.																
Los Angeles	Mrs. H. W. Crabbe	8th and Hill Sts., Los Angeles...Cal.	18	8	15	15	10	10	3	.....	.....	9	.....	62	.....	.....
Cheerful Workers of Los Angeles	Miss Grace Crabbe	8th and Hill Sts, Los Angeles... "	15	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
Santa Ana	Mrs. A. Smiley	Santa Ana..... "	20	12	.....	60	20	.....	.....	7	2	14	.....	103	2 bxs.	15
Santa Ana Mission Band	James Ke r	Santa Ana..... "	20	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Wildomar	Mrs. A. W. Jamieson	Wildomar..... "	15	3	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....
Pasadena	Mrs. N. J. W. Kelso	Pasadena..... "	*3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Diego	Mrs. T. T. Hill	San Diego..... "	*10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LOS ANGLES PRESB	Miss A. J. Boone, Sec	339½ E. 2nd St., Los Angeles ... "	88	23	35	87	30	10	3	66	2	23	.....	256	21	5
Mansfield.																
Ladies' Missionary Society	Miss Mary Long	Fredricksburg.....Ohio.	26	3	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	6	76	2	30
Ladies' Missionary Society	Mrs. M. J. Burt	Iberia..... "	19	.....	20	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....
Ladies' Missionary Society	Mrs. F. B. Foster	Mansfield..... "	41	8	20	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Ladies' Mission Band	Mrs. F. B. Foster	Mansfield..... "	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Young Ladies Mission Band	.....	Mansfield..... "	*12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Women's Missionary Society	.....	Millersburg..... "	19	5	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	22	.....	.....
Ladies' Missionary Society	Miss Leila G. Sawhill	Ontario..... "	13	3	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	1	22
Ladies' Missionary Society	Mrs. R. Forbes	Savanah..... "	39	8	25	.....	35	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1	69	2	35
Ladies' Missionary Society	Mrs. Martha Cleland	Tiro..... "	11	7	18	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	34	.....	33
Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. E. H. Huston	Utica..... "	23	6	25	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	1	5
Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. A. Stewart	Wooster..... "	20	12	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	4	82	2	18
Young Ladies' Mission Band	Miss Jessie I. Pollock	Wooster..... "	11	.....	15	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1	20
Willing Workers	.....	Wooster..... "	10	.....	5	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
Wayside Gleaners	Miss Jessie Phillips	Wooster..... "	12	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Cheerful Workers	Miss Estella Henderson	Savannah..... "	*50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iberia Mission Band	Mrs. J. Burt	Iberia..... "	*27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANSFIELD PRESB	Maggie L. Stitt	Wooster..... "	1304	52	273	51	55	52	.....	8	6	47	17	479	9	163
Mercer.																
Plaingrove L. M. S	Mrs. M. E. Barber	Plaingrove.....Pa.	21	2	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....
Sharon, Ladies' Miss. and Aid Soc	Mrs. R. Stewart	Sharon..... "	20	7	10	8	6	5	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	59	1	22
1st New Wilmington, L. M. S	Mrs. H. G. McVey	New Wilmington..... "	15	3	75	5	6	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	106	1	50
1st New Wilmington, Mission Band	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lackawannock L. M. S	Mrs. M. J. Elliott	Worth..... "	15	3	124	86	35	97	10	.....	.....	.....	1	353	1	25
Eastbrook, L. M. S	Mrs. Alma Gilfillan	Eastbrook..... "	25	7	35	11	15	5	5	.....	23	.....	6	100	2	23
1st Mercer, L. M. S	Mrs. S. W. Gilkey	Mercer..... "	35	12	39	15	25	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	1	58
2d Mercer, L. M. S	Mrs. A. B. Thompson	Mercer..... "	38	14	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	6	7	.....	7	158	1	85
West Middlesex, L. M. S	Mrs. W. J. Snodgrass	West Middlesex..... "	12	.....	25	14	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	49	1	25
2d New Wilmington, L. M. S	Mrs. E. M. McElree	New Wilmington..... "	31	19	95	.....	2	66	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	180	1	55
2d New Wilmington, Y. L. M. Circle	Miss Flora J. Irons	New Wilmington..... "	7	.....	10	12	6	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	3	36	.....	.....
2d New Wilm'gton, Happy Workers	Miss Bessie Robertson	New Wilmington..... "	23	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
New Bedford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plaingrove Willing Workers	Miss Emma Sankey	Plaingrove..... "	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville	No Organized Society	Contributions from Individuals.....	.....	.....	13	12	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....
MERCER PPESB	L. Mary Elliott	.....	262	69	426	274	102	206	30	137	30	.....	19	1234	9	298

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Monmouth, Ill.

Alexis, L. M. S.	Mrs. Mary E. Millen	Alexis	Ill.	31		10	10	5	5	2	12			26	70		
Alexis Mission Band	Zulu Z. Renwick	Alexis	"	25		5	5		3						13		
Biggsville, L. M. S.	Mrs. L. P. Renwick	Biggsville	"	23	7	50		5			10		1		66	1	10
Ellison, L. M. S.	Mrs. I. T. Pogue	Media	"	20		50	20				3		8		81		
Elmira, L. M. S.	Miss Nina Murray	Elmira	"	23		32		7	7		18				64		
Gerlaw, L. M. S.	Mrs. D. H. McCreary	Gerlaw	"	20	5	25	31				30				86		
Gerlaw Mission Band	Miss Minnie Olson	Gerlaw	"	25		1									1		
Henderson, L. M. S.	Mrs. R. J. Avenhill	Monmouth	"	49	15	25	45				22	2			94	1	35
Kirkwood, L. M. S.	Mrs. Anna Cowan	Kirkwood	"	33	6	62					8			3	73	1	21
Kirkwood Mission Band	Mrs. M. E. McCoy	Kirkwood	"	19		5		8							13		
1st Monmouth, L. M. S.	Mrs. T. H Hanna	Monmouth	"	68	42	203	50	40			130				423	2	24
1st Monmouth, Y. L.	Miss Lyda Hanna	Monmouth	"	42		15	20		32					3	70		
1st Monmouth Mission Band	Miss Bertha Kinswell	Monmouth	"	26		2						2			4	1	14
2d Monmouth, L. M. S.	Mrs. W. T. Campbell	Monmouth	"	64	15	113	11	14	10		45		75	17	285	1	30
2d Monmouth, Y. L.	Miss Maggie Curry	Monmouth	"	19		8		11				20	8	5	52	1	29
2d Monmouth, Boys' Band	Hugh Martin	Monmouth	"	24		25	10	10	5						50		
2d Monmouth, Girls' Band	Bessie Stewart	Monmouth	"	23		14		7							21		
Olena, L. M. S.	Mrs. Wm. Brook	Olena	"	16													
Smith Creek, L. M. S.	Mrs. J. A. Wiley	Kirkwood	"	18	8	10	5	5			22		50		92	1	5
Smith Creek Mission Band	Miss Edna Hogue	Kirkwood	"	13		2	2	2				1			7	1	17
South Henderson	Mrs. D. M. Cleland	Gladstone	"	20	6	20	7				3	2			32		
Strong Hurst, L. M. S.	Mrs. R. C. Henry	Stronghurst	"	*15													
MONMOUTH PRES.	Mrs. Henry Cowden	Biggsville	"	616	104	677	216	114	63	2	303	27	142	54	1597	10	195

Monongahela.

First Church Woman's Society	Mrs. W. J. Reid	38 Federal St., Pittsburg	Pa.	130	82	195	25	55	65		25		111	5	411		
Young Women's Society	Miss Sara McIlwaine	630 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg	"	31		60	15	25		25	25		10	2	162		
Willing Workers	Mrs. F. A. Stevenson	215 Coltart Square, Pittsburg	"	40		25							10	1	36		
Oakland Chapel	Mrs. J. H. Taylor	5080 Forbes St, Pittsburg	"	26	20	25	10		2					3	63	1	
Kings Daughters	Miss Belle Hainer	Atwood St., Pittsburg	"	16			5		10			9	39	2	65	1	9
Ross Band	Mrs. T. F. Sturtevant	Marchand St., Pittsburg	"	23										1	1		
Second Church Women's Society	Miss E. D. Brown	Craft Ave., Pittsburg	"	43	31	139	38	59	50		78		102	5	471		
Third Church Women's Society	Mrs. J. T. McCrory	871 Wylie Ave., Pittsburg	"	61		115		30		25	50		55	4	279		
McCrory Society	Miss Amelia Mazet	9 Devillier St., Pittsburg	"	31	44	75	20		10	15			38	5	113	2	25
Kings Daughters	Miss Tillie Brown	139 Crawford St., Pittsburg	"	20		10	5	5	5	5			36	18	84		
Little Helpers	Mrs. J K. Phillips	304 Forbes St., Pittsburg	"	22		3	2	27	1	1	3			1	38		
Pearl Gatherers	Miss Jean McClarren	315 Penn Ave., Pittsburg	"	18		3	2	18	1	1	2				37		
Fourth Church Young Women's Soc.	Miss Jennie Turner	4402 Butler St, Pittsburg	"	38	3	2	2	2	4	2	3		150	2	167		
Fifth Church Women's Society	Miss Agnes C. Johnston	495 Webster Ave., Pittsburg	"	38	15	10	5	5	5	5	5	2		3	40	1	25
Sixth Church Women's Society	Mrs. E. M. Hill	5502 Margaretta St., Pittsburg	"	88	60	65	25	49	137			46		7	329	2	
Young Women's Society	Miss M. E. Friesell	158 Flavel St., Pittsburg	"	40		48	50	55	110					2	265		
Ewing Band	Mrs. E. M. Hill	5502 Margaretta St., Pittsburg	"	18		5	10	25	32	15		40		1	128	6	40
McBride Band				*13			10	12							22		
Bamba Circle	Mrs. Robert McCague	Swissvale, Allegheny Co.	Pa.	27		25	10	15	31					2	83		
Seventh Church Women's Society	Mrs. M. L. Littell	42nd and Butler St., Pittsburg	"	31		50	15	10	10	10	91				196	1	75
Young Women's Society	Miss A. J. Mitchell	271 44th St, Pittsburg	"	30	51	35	50	78	23	5	14	13		5	223	4	57
Gordon Band	Mrs. Dr. Libby	Fisk St., Pittsburg	"	35					3					1	4	2	61
Eighth Church Women's Society	Mrs. J. M. Wallace	Colwell St., Pittsburg	"	75	24	25			50		60		10	3	148	1	15
Dorcas	Miss Lou Graff	683 Arabella St., Pittsburg	"	25		31		10					7	2	54		
Industrial Band	Mrs. Jean Sands	843 Bedford Ave., Pittsburg	"	86										1	1		
Ninth Pittsburg Women's Society	Mrs. R. A. Elliott	43 Mt. Oliver St., Pittsburg	"	45	17	30	20	10	20	10		13	18	6	127	1	40
Young Women's Society	Miss Maggie McDowell	1927 Sidney St., Pittsburg	"	17	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	1	2	68	1	5
Wylie Avenue Women's Society	Mrs. S. W. Owens	1 2 Center Ave., Pittsburg	"	20	12	53	10				7	12	6	3	91	1	
Eleventh Pittsburg Women's Soc'ty.	Mrs. A. M. Andrews	748 Main St., W. E., Pittsburg	"	30	13	5	10	5		5				3	28		
Twelfth Pittsburg Women's Society	Mrs. R. H. Hood	248 Prospect St., Pittsburg	"	15	5	5	5		105					7	122		
Thirteenth Allentown Women's Soc	Mrs. Alexander Ross	Mt. Oliver; Allegheny Co.	"	25	4									3	3		
Band (92)	Mrs. S. W. Douthett	Mt. Oliver, Pittsburg	"	14													
Fourteenth Shadyside Women's Soc	Miss Mary Stevenson	Winebiddle Ave., Pittsburg	"	23	19	20			30		12	1		43	106	2	30
Young Women's Society	Miss Mattie H. Gillespie	Westminster Place	"	10													
Band	Miss Jennie Musgrave	Matilda St, Pittsburg	"	43		5	10				5			1	21	1	3
Sixteenth 33d St. Women's Society	Mrs. J. McD. Harvy	437 33d St., Pittsburg	"	21	5	10								3	18		
Sixteenth Highland Ave. Women's Soc	Mrs. M. W. Gray	514 Culver St., Pittsburg	"	25	10	5	25	5	25						60		

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Monongahela Continued.																
Coraopolis Women's Soc	Mrs N. M. Stoops	Coraopolis, Allegheny Co Pa.	11	5		5					5		3	13	2	20
Hebron Women's Soc	Mrs. David Barclay	Rodi, Allegheny Co "	28	17	10	10	10	10	5	5				50		
Homestead Women's Society	Mrs. L. C. Samuson	Homestead, Allegheny Co "	11	6	10								6	16		
Homestead Band	Mrs. H. J. Bostwick	Homestead, Allegheny Co "	25													
Ingram Women's Society	Miss S. J. Frew	Ingram, Allegheny Co "	41	12	10	30	5	30	5	80			3	1 3	1	20
Young Women's Soc. '92	Miss Mable Quinn	Ingram, Allegheny Co "	12													
Band	Mrs. J. A. Evans	Ingram, Allegheny Co "	40				15	10		104			1	130		
Jefferson Women's Society	Mrs. T. W. Young	Gill Hall, Allegheny Co "	23	11	5	10			10	22		63	3	1 3		
Charity Union	Miss Miller	Gill Hall, Allegheny Co "											2	2		
Mansfield Women's Society	Mrs. Hugh Sterling	Chartiers, P. O, Allegheny Co "	*47	23			35	15			30		3	83	2	50
Young Women's Socie y	Miss Sadie McMannus	Mansfield Valley, Allegheny Co. "	30	4		20							2	22		
Band	Mrs. T. C. Atchison	Mansfield Valley, Allegheny Co. "	66		40								1	41		
McDonald Women's Society	Mrs. W. D. Irons	McDonald, Washington Co. "	26	14	10	80	12					2	9	13		
Band	Miss Annetta George	McDonald, Washington Co. "	33		10	10							1	21		
Noblestown Society					11									11		
Oakdale Women's Society (92)	Mrs. A. P. Duncan	Oakdale, Allegheny Co "														
Robinson Run Society	Mrs. J. W. English	Sturgeon, Allegheny Co "	20	23	25		25				14	8	3	75	2	67
St. Clair Women's Society	Mrs. J. C. Boyd	Mt. Lebanon, Allegheny Co "	25	35	20	25	25		5		2	2	3	82		
Hunter Band	Mrs. C. S. Fetterman	Diamond St., Pittsburgh "	10				5						1	6		
Union Women's Society	Mrs. J. A. Douthett	Remington, Allegheny Co "	65	21	120	130	10	135		20			3	418		
Band	Mrs. J. A. Douthett	Remington, Allegheny Co "			7	7	6						1	21		
Verona Women's Society	Mrs. Bartholomew	Hulton, Allegheny Co "	39	22	35	10						3	5	53	1	55
Band	Miss Effie Van Tine	Verona, Allegheny Co "	12										1	1		
First Wilkinsburg Women's Society	Mrs M. M. Patterson	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co "	49	36	67			29					3	99	2	45
Young Women's Soci'ty	Miss Lizzie Orr	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co "														
Band	Miss Belle Black	Edgewood Park, Allegheny Co "	17							15			1	16		
Second Wilkinsburg	Mrs. Harriett Burnett	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co "	39	8		12	17				15		3	47	1	15
Four Life Members																
MONONGAHELA PRESB.	Miss E. D. Brown, Sec		1962	656	1353	748	685	991	159	636	209	671	205	5655	38	657
Muskingum.																
Antrim, W. M. S	Mary Arneal	Antrim Ohio.	23	5	20	6	4						1	31	2	8
Bloomfield, W. M. S	Mrs. Rachel Jamison	Norwich "	30	6	35	13	12				20		3	83	2	26
Barlow, W. M. S	Mrs. Nettie McFarland	Vincent "	10		8									8		
Cambridge, W. M. S	Mrs. J. W. Lawrence	Cambridge "	31	13	50						3	15	7	75	2	60
Earnest Workers	Bernice Huddleson	Cambridge "	15		5	15								20		
Fairview, W. M. S	Mrs. I. N. White	Fairview "	23	8	15		10							25		
Londonderry, W. M. S	Mrs. Maggie Ashenhurst	Londonderry "	11	3	30	5	5							40		
Lebanon, W. M. S	Mrs. Joseph Mehaffy	Creighton "	36		20									20		
Willing Workers	Miss Eva Mehaffy	Galligher "	18			20								20		
Morganville, W. M. S	Mrs. Fannie McCall	Morganville "	6		2									2		
New Concord, W. M. S	Mrs. Comin	New Concord "	39	5	55								1	60		
Y. L. M. S.	Miss Jennie Comin	New Concord "	26	10	15	9	10	5		2	6		4	51	3	30
Willing Workers	Miss Jennie Allison	New Concord "	11				7	2						9		
Norwich, W. M. S	Mrs. W. H. Thompson	New Concord "	15	6	5		10			6		2		23		
Rix Mills, W. M. S	Miss Lizzie Smith	Rix Mills "	32	8												
Thornville, W. M. S	Mrs. L. J. Whitmer	Thornville "	15	6	4	4	3	3	4	7	15	11		51	3	32
Washington, W. M. S	Miss Settie Clark	Sutton "	17	5	17			16						33		
Zanesville, W. M. S	Mrs. D. M. Sleeth	Zanesville "	11	2	5	3	2							10		
Clear Fork	Mrs. E. W. P. Weel	Milnersville "	*19													
Salt Creek	Mrs. W. S. Loriner	Rix Mills "	*54													
Boys' Band	Boone McCreary		*9													
MUSKINGUM PRESB.	Mary C. Lytle, Sec	Sago "	451	77	286	75	63	26	4	15	44	28	20	561	13	216

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New York.																
W. M. S., of 1st Brooklyn N. Y.	Mrs. J. H. Andrews	500 Madison St., Brooklyn	N. Y.	19	5	25	10	15						2	52		
W. M. S., of 2d Brooklyn, N. Y.	Miss S. C. Patterson	424 Cumberland St., Brooklyn	"	32	10	20	25				2	25	[illegible]	1	78		
W. M. S., of 1st New York 1st U. P. Church, 54th St.	Mrs. A. E. Thompson	3 Perry St	New York City.	48	6	20	20	10			25	18	6[illegible]	5	155		
W. M. S., East 119th St., U. P. Church New York	Mrs. Geo. Capel	518 East 120 St.	"	18	6	15					25		25	24	89		
W. M. S., of West 44th St., U. P. Church N. Y.	Miss Belle Shea	244 West 48th St.	"	18	3	25									25		
W. M. S., Summit Ave., U. P. Church Jersey City, N. J.	Mrs. A. J. Biddle	278 Summit Ave., Jersey City, N. J.		14							10		70	8	88		
L. M. S., of U. P. Church Newark N. J.	Mrs. J. A. Shaw	251 Broad St., Newark	"	22	4	5					6			51	67		
W. M. S.	Mrs. J. S. McKinney	Pine Bush, Orange Co.	N. Y.	28	3			5							5	1	
NEW YORK PRESB.	A. E. Thompson, Sec.	Perry St.	New York City.	195	37	90	55	30			68	38	162	91	414	1	
1st. Ohio																	
1st Ohio Presbyterial	Mrs. M. Belle Elliot	Morning Sun	Ohio.														
Cincinnati	Mrs. J. A. Shannon	498 W. 7th St., Cincinnati	"	23	8	55	40							3	98		
Dayton	Mrs. D. H. French	131 South Perry St., Dayton	"	11	4	5		6						1	12		
Fair Haven	Mrs. Laura Hays	Fair Haven	"	44	17	53	19	12	8	8			15	5	120		
Willing Workers	Mrs. Hattie Gard	Fair Haven	"	45		14									14		
Hamilton	Miss Fannie G. Caldwell	Hamilton	"	32	11	35	20	5	5	5				1	71	2	45
Gleaners	Miss Stella McGraber	Hamilton	"	15			6								6		
Hopewell	Mrs. J. F. Hutchison	Morning Sun	"	24	5	10	5	5	5	4					29		
Morning Sun	Miss Clara J. Brown	Morning Sun	"	45		95	25	18	10					9	157	1	14
Young Women	Miss Anna M. Faris	Morning Sun	"	17							9				9		
Mission Band	Miss Zella McDill	Morning Sun	"	40				25							25		
Mount Pleasant	Miss Emma McClellan	Blue Ball	"	16	8	19	10	5	3	2		6			45	1	20
Oxford	Miss Jennie McCreary	Oxford	"	24	7	16	14							3	33		
Mission Band	Miss Mary Beaton	Oxford	"	12		15	5	5	5						30	1	10
Richmond	Mrs. Walter Doan	110 S. 15th., Richmond	Ind.	44	22	30	15		10			8		4	67	2	40
Unity	Miss Anna Buck	College Corner	Ohio.	34	6	40	32	10				3	4	1	90	1	9
Dayton Mission Band				*30													
Sycamore	Miss Sallie Stewart	16 Mile Stand	Ohio.	6													
1st OHIO PRESB.	Miss Clara J. Brown	Morning Sun	Ohio.	496	88	387	191	91	46	19	9	17	19	27	806	8	138
Omaha, Nebraska.																	
Alliance	Mrs Albert Gordon	Alliance	Nebraska.	13	9	2	6	2	2				8		20		
Dunbar	Mrs. L Proudfit	Dunbar	"	11	10	4	6	7			1			6	24		
Buds of Promise	Mrs. Lizzie W. Westbrook	Dunbar	"	8													
Kearney	Mrs. Mattie S. McIntyre	Kearney	"	13	4	10	7	5	5						27		
Major	Mrs. Mattie E. K. Crooks	Majorr	"	15	7				6		2	1	5	2	16		
Murray	Mrs. M. L. Root	Murray	"	10	1							10			10		
North Bend	Mrs. Alice Chalmers	North Bend	"	15	9	10	10	10	18	10					58		
Mission Band	Mrs. Ella G. Johnston	North Bend	"	30		5	5	5	5						20		
Central Omaha	Mrs. G. S. Benewa	Cor. 33rd and Burt St.	Omaha.	36	14	23	30	13			2		10	16	94	1	2
Helping Hand Band	Miss Bertha Williamson	307 North 25th St.	"	13					3				18		21		
Park Avenue, Omaha	Mrs. J. A Henderson	2915 Jackson St.	"	28	23	15	3	2	2				145		167		
* Young Women's Aid Soc.	Miss Nora Dougherty	33rd and Half Howard St.	"	11									12	11	23		
Mission Band	Effie Levoy	3518 Jones St.	"	54				6					1	1	8		
1st Church Omaha	Mrs. W. M. Carson	2717 Shirley St.	"	31	9	15	5	20	5					54	99	2	20
Mission Band	Grace Hunter	24 near Ames Avenue	"	41		2		4	4					10	20		
South Omaha	Miss Lizzie W. Johnston	710 North 26th Street	South Omaha.	8	1		6								6		
Cheerful Givers	Mable Mayfield		South Omaha.	25			1								1		
Orchard	Mrs. Mary R. Morrow	Orchard	Nebraska.	13	1		7						41		48		
wing	Miss Lauretta Buoy	Ewing	"	21	8				20						20		
OMAHA PRESB.	Lizzie W. Westbrook, Sec.	Westbrook		396	91	86	86	74	76	10	5	11	240	100	682	3	22

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Oregon & Washington.																
Albany	Mrs. Henrietta Brown	Albany, Oregon.	37	10	12	15		8				12		47		
Colfax	Belle D. Niblock	Colfax, Washington	19	6	5	10		5					110	130		
Halsey	Mrs. Ralston	Halsey, Oregon.	*6													
Portland	Mrs. Edith McKeown	East Portland, Oregon.	16	10	40	19						7	5	71		
Williamette	Mrs. S. B. Williamson	Oakville, Oregon.	28	8	5	3	3	3	2					16	3	16
Waitsburg	Mrs. W. G. M. Hayes	Waitsburg, Washington.	14	5		5		12						17		
Oregon & Washington Presb.	Mrs. H. Brown, Sec. Protem	Oregon.	120	39	62	52	3	28	2			19	115	281	3	16
Pawnee.																
Benkleman, W. M. S.	Mrs. D. A. Williams	Benkleman, Nebraska.														
Burchard, Y. W.	Miss Hattie McCrea	Burchard "	10		6								1	7		
Young Women's Mission.	Mrs. S. S. Stewart	Burchard "	15	9	10	6	2	2	2					22		
Lincoln, W. M. S.	Miss Mary McCully	Lincoln "	10	3									17	17		
Liberty, W. M. S.	Mrs. E. M. Duncan	Liberty, Gage Co "	19	13	9	9	9	9		10				46		
Minden, W. M. S.	Mrs. W. E. Nichol	Minden "	22	7	45	15						5		65	1	6
Mission Creek, W. M. S.	Mrs. James Wallace	Summerfield, Kansas.	25	5	10	8		32						50		
1st Church Pawnee, W. M. S.	Miss Mary Anderson	Pawnee City, Nebraska.	22	2	11	5	34			159				209		
Mission Band.	James Kelso	Pawnee City "	25			2	2							4		
2d Church Pawnee, W. M. S.	Mrs. A. R. Clark	Pawnee City "	19	2	1		8			20				29	1	30
Summerfield, W. M. S.	Josephine Glasgow	Summerfield, Kansas.	25	19	26	10	15	10	5				2	68	1	5
Superior, W. M. S.	Mrs. L. Maskey	Superior, Nebraska.	17	10	40	10						21	22	93		
Wilsonville	Mrs. E. M. Moore	Wilsonville "	18	7									111	111		
Pywnee Presb.	Mrs. Zenas McCoy	Burchard "	227	76	168	55	70	53	7	189		26	153	721	3	41
Philadelphia.																
1st U. P. Church, Baltimore	Mrs. Thomas Laughlin	1419 Myrtle Ave., Baltimore, Md.	37	20	25							5		30	1	9
Baltimore, Aid and Miss.	Mrs. S. I. Taylor	1103 Linden Ave., Baltimore "	38	19	25			7		12				44	1	30
North W. Miss.	Mrs. J. B. Lee	1524 Centennial Ave., Phila, Pa.	49	15		40							75	115		
Octorora M. Society	Mrs. Thos. C. McClure	Burt, Lancaster Co "	17	6	10									10	1	16
Oxford, Aid and M. Society	Mrs. Anna E. Cowan	Oxford, Chester Co "	20	3						3	27			30	3	71
Phila., 2d Church Aid and Miss. S.	Mrs. M. H. S. Jackson	136 North 18th St., Phila "	101	32	82	63				30		278	100	553	2	85
Phila., 3d W. M. S.																
Phila., 5th Aid	Mrs. J. R. Knipe	1614 Cambridge St., Phila "											25	25		
Phila., 7th W. M. S.	Mrs. M. G. Kyle	Frankford, Phila "	30	30	60					1			25	86	1	60
Phila, 8th Aid and Missionary	Mrs. W. W. Barr	1425 Christian St., Phila, "	45	12	46		25			6		101	102	280		
Phila., 9th W. M. S.	Mrs. Sallie Parker	Philadelphia "	24	2									25	25	1	25
Philadelphia Presb.	Mrs. W. S. Stewart	1801 Arch St., Phila "	271	137	248	103	25	7		52	27	384	352	1198	10	296
Princeton.																
Bloomington, L. M. S.	Mrs. S. Gordon	Bloomington, Munroe Co, Ind.	27	21	20	24	19							63	1	15
Y. Ladies	Mrs. Della Allen	Bloomington, Munroe Co "	27		20			12						32		
Eden, Y. Peoples	James Mcgregor															
Morea, L. M. S.	Mrs. C. M. Ralston	Morea, Crawford Co "	20	3	13	10	8						137	168		
Princeton, L. M. S.	Mrs. Mary Warnock	Princeton, Gibson Co "	28	26	60	25	15	28						128		
Y. P. Mission Band	Miss Emma Kern	Princeton, Gibson Co "	20		6									6		
Willing Workers	Miss Lutie McClerken	Princeton, Gibson Co "	25		5	8								13		
Portland Mills, L. M. S.	Mrs. Paul G. Spencer	Portland Mills "		2	2		2							4		

Princeton Continued.																			
Scotland, L. M. S.	Mrs. Martha E. Moreland	Scotland, Green Co.	Ind.	16	11	5	3	4			3			58	73		
Y. P. Society	Miss Anna Black	Scotland, Green Co.	"	23		3			6	2	2		3		16		
Somerville, Y. P. Society	Newman Mcgregor	Somerville, Gibson Co.	"														
West Bethel, L. M. S.	Mrs. A. E. Buchanan	Duncanville, Crawford Co,	"	14	3	12	1	5						10	28		
West Union, L. M. S.	Mrs. M. J. Boyd	Brownsville, White Co.	"	12	1	5	5							2	12		
PRINCETON PRESB.	Mrs. M. A. Ingles	Scotland, Green Co.	"	212	67	151	76	53	46	2	5		13	197	543	1	15
Rock Island.																	
Cedar Creek, L. M. S.	Mrs. Emma McCrery	Little York, Warren Co.	Ill.	12	10	10	25							2	37		
Davenport, W. S.	Mrs. W. E. Shaw	Cor 11 and Perry Sts., Davenport.	Ia.	13	14	15	26		5		9			2	57		
Pine Needles, Mission Band		Davenport	"	10													
Little York, L. M. S.	Mrs. Sadie McBride	Little York, Warren Co.	Ill.	22	4	13	7	29	10				18	2	79	1	7
North Henderson, L. M. S.	Mrs. R. J. Davidson	Norwood	"	16	4			23						2	25		
Aledo, L. M. S.	Mrs. Zillah B. Storey	Aledo, Mercer Co.	"	26	17	19	6		12		12			13	62	1	11
Sunbeam, L. M. S.	Mrs. M. McFerguson	Sunbeam, Mercer Co.	"	28	12	13	23	4	5				40		85	1	4
Mission Band	Mrs. Cora Main	Sunbeam, Mercer Co.	"	24		11								2	13		
Viola, L. M. S.	Mrs. Clara L. Calhoun	Viola, Mercer Co.	"	11	7	9	6							2	17	1	15
Rock Island, W. M. S.	Mrs. H. C. Marshall	107 13th, St., Rock Island	"	10	9	18	15	21	9	9			11	3	86		
ROCK ISLAND PREBB.	Miss Martha W. Davidson	423 2d St., Rock Island	"	172	77	108	108	77	41	9	21		69	28	461	4	37
San Francisco, California.																	
1st Church L. M. S. S. T.	Mrs. M. M. Gibson	803 Guerrero St., San Francisco,	Cal.	34	12	5	5	5		5	5		82		107		
2d Church L. M. S. S. T.	Mrs. Carrie Mathieson	1116 Treat Ave...	" "	27	6	10	10	5	10	5	5		89	22	156		
Castroville, L. M. S.	Mrs. J. T. Jamison	Castroville	" "	9	4	3	3	3	3						12		
Castroville, Mission Band	Miss Amy Clark	Castroville	" "	11		3									3		
Salinas, L. M. S.	Mrs. W. H. Clark	Salinas Monterey Co.	"	21	2	10		5	10						25		
San Jose, L. M. S.	Mrs. W. W. Logan	484 North 2d St., San Jose	"	12	8	6	7						12	3	28		
Fowler																	
Oakland																	
Alameda																	
Fresno				*23													
SAN FRANCISCO PRESB.				157	32	37	25	18	23	10	10		183	25	331		
Sialkot, India,																	
Gurdaspur	Mrs. A. Hagg	Dinanagar, Punjab	India.	17	4	9									9		
Sialkot	Mrs. I. D. Shahbaz	Sialkot City, Punjab	"	48	5	3									3		
Jhelum	Miss. E. G. Gordon	Jhelum, Punjab	"	18	3	20									20		
Gujranwala	Miss Josie White	Gujranwala, Punjab,	"	14	2	1									1		
Zafarwal	Miss Mary Campbell	Zafarwal, Sialkot Dist.	"	13	3	3									3		
Jhandran	Bibi Hari	Zafarwal, Sialkot Dist.	"	10		1									1		
SIALKOT PRESB.	Mary Campbell Sec.	Zafarwal, Sialkot Dist.	"	120	17	37									37		
Sidney.																	
Bellefontaine	Mrs. V. A. Ewing	Bellefontaine	Ohio.	20	6	8	25		8		1			2	143		
Belle Centre	Mrs. W. S. Philips	Belle Centre	"	22	1									35	35		
California Mich.	Mrs. Johnston	California	Michigan.														
Findlay	Mrs. A. B. Sharp	Cor. S'dusky & West St., Findlay,	Ohio	13	8									33	33		
Huntsville	Mrs. Alice C. Curry	Huntsville	"	64	12	93	48	15	13	8			30		207		
Northwood	Mrs. A. F. Mansfield	Northwood		19	4	10		10						4	24		
Piqua	Mrs. Ella Kerr	Downing St., Piqua	Ohio.	34	18	5	5		5	5				50	70	1	15
Kenton	Miss Lizzie Waddle	Kenton	"	25	9									68	68		
Scotch Ridge	Mrs. C. L. Wight	Scotch Ridge	"	20	10	10	10	10	10					12	52	1	8
Sidney	Mrs. M. P. Robb	914 Walnut Ave., Sidney	"	20	5									89	89		
Silver Creek	Mrs. Mary Douglass	Silver Creek	"	14	1	7	6		9						22		
Sugar Run	Mrs. N. A. Curry	New California	"	28	20	33	18	10	10	5				8	84		
West Leipsic	Mrs. J. D. Oldham	Leipsic	"	17	8	5		5	5					85	100		

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Sidney Continued.																
Mission Band, Sugar Run	Mrs. A. F. Cumstock	New California, Ohio.	28	.....	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	17	1	3
Young People's M. S., Sugar Run	Miss Maggie Cochran	New California "	9	.....	8	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	1	2
Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Bellefontaine	Mabel Aikin	Bellefontaine "	8	.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Mission Band, Bellefontaine	Mrs. Lizzie Dowell	Bellefontaine "	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	24	.....	.....
Colden Chain Mission Band	Mrs. Rogers	Northwood "	35	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	19	.....	.....
SIDNEY PRESB.	Miss Wynta Kerr		373	102	201	117	65	60	18	100	.....	30	421	1012	8	55
Stamford.																
Galt Mission and Aid	Mrs. Rev. A. G. King	Galt, Ontario Canada	55	19	50	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	92	.....	.....
Cheerful Workers	No report		*60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
STAMFORD PRESB.			.....	19	50	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	92	.....	.....
Steubenville, Ohio.																
East Liverpool	Mrs J. C. Taggart	East Liverpool, Ohio.	34	11	43	19	12	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	95	.....	.....
E. E	Mrs. John Fowler	East Liverpool E. E. "	27	10	10	95	20	15	.....	.....	.....	11	77	218	2	12
Carrollton	Mrs. Henry McCausland	Carrolltown "	10	2	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....
Moor's Salt Works	Mrs. M. M. Leeper	Moor's Salt Works "	35	1	15	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	80	.....	.....
Mechanicstown	Mrs. J. S. McMunn	Mechanicstown "	27	10	86	12	20	12	.....	.....	8	.....	2	140	1	20
New Rumley	Mrs. Sarah J. P. Thompson	New Rumley "	12	4	.....	15	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	.....
Richmond	Mrs. J. M. Duncan	Richmond "	22	8	12	10	11	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	94	.....	.....
Scroggsfield	Mrs. Agnes George	Scroggsfield "	38	9	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	.....	.....
Steubenville	Mrs. Milligan	Steubenville "	40	.....	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	.....	.....
Salineville	Mrs. M. E. Lindsay	Salineville "	23	7	30	5	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	45	.....	.....
Salineville	Mrs. Harriet E. Crawford	Augusta, Carroll Co "	16	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Salineville	Mrs. S. S. Bott	Toronto "	19	7	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	26	1	5
Salineville	Mrs. J. G. Kennedy	Wellsville "	25	9	1	10	20	30	.....	10	.....	10	2	182	.....	.....
Olive Plant Mission Band	Miss Ella French	East Liverpool E. E. "	12	2	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
Willing Workers, no report	Miss Kate Lauglin	East Liverpool "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willing Workers. no report	Sarah Albright	Steubenville "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission Band, no report	Miss Gertie Dobson	Salineville "	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
STEUBENVILLE PRESB.	Mrs. A. J. K. Knox		370	85	593	181	127	143	.....	30	8	34	141	1261	4	37
Tennessee.																
Hopewell	Mrs. Lydia R. Harris	Lincoln Tenn.	8	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Vermont.																
Ryegate	Mrs. Lydia R. Harris	Ryegate Vermont.	15	8	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
VERMONT PRESB.			15	8	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Westmoreland.																
Buelah			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel, Allegheny Co	Miss Sadie Doak	Negley Pa.	14	1	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....
Bethel	Mrs. A. L. McFarlane	Circleville "	20	8	21	8	.....	.....	.....	7	4	.....	1	41	2	.....

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Westmoreland Continued.																		
Willing Workers			Pa.	*9														
Bethesda	Mrs. I. J. Fergus	Elizabeth	"	12	4	10	10				15			1	36			
Sarah Dale Lansing	Miss Emma Fergus	Elizabeth	"	8	2	25			25			4	1	55				
Dorcas Missionary	Mrs. Sarah W. Curry	Elizabeth	"	17	6	10	10								20	2	8	
Pueblo Mission Band	Thomas McConnell	Elizabeth	"	14			5		5						10			
Braddock	Mrs. E. J. McPherson	Swissvale,	"	30	32	26	18		20			25		1	90	2		
Gleaners	Mrs. W. S. Stewart	Braddock	"															
Buena Vista	Mrs. J. P. Henderson	Buena Vista	"	20	5	18	5	2	2	2	4			1	34			
Connellsville	Mrs. Jno. Sloan	New Haven	"	10	10	10	5							1	16			
Mission Band	Mable Long	New Haven	"	10				4							4			
Fairfield and Ligonier	Mrs. Frank Brown	Fort Palmer	"	30	7	22	34	12							68	1	15	
Greensburg	Mrs. E. A. Irwin	Greensburg	"	36	7	25	17								42	2	40	
Irwin	Mrs. J. M. Atchison	Irwin	"	24	24	10	10	6	14					1	41			
Young Ladies	No report																	
Willing Workers	Miss Allie B. Price	Irwin	Pa.	*23														
Latrobe	Mrs. A. W. Lytle	Latrobe	"	18	5	25	5		5			19		1	55	1	37	
Laurel Hill	Mrs. Mary Dunn	Flatwoods, Fayette Co.	"	24	13	57	27							1	85			
Leechburg				*17														
Logans Ferry	Mrs. Lucy J. Young	Parnassus	Pa.	9	9	30	5				8			1	44			
Mission Band				5		3		5							8			
McKeesport	Miss Harriet McConnell	1001 Berlin St., McKeesport	Pa.	49	10	40	20	5	5	5			61	1	137			
Aftermath	Miss Ella McConnell	1001 Berlin St., McKeesport	"	16		5	5		19					1	30	2	92	
Mission Band	Birdie Speer	Cor. Berlin & 11th Sts., McKeesport	"	25		5			10						15			
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Nannie L. Wilson	Mt. Pleasant	"	21	14	3	12								44			
Murraysville	No report																	
Lansing Band	No report			*13														
Parnassus	Mrs. R. H. Stewart	Parnassus	Pa.	14	6	13	15					6		1	35	2	100	
Peckety	No report			*35														
Scottdale	Miss Alice E. Wray	Scottdale	Pa.	8	4	5								1	6			
Mission Band	Miss Alma Gilmore	Scottdale	"	18		3									3			
Stewart Station	Miss Elizabeth Ekin	Stewart Sta.	"	18	14	50	35	5		5	10			1	106			
Mission Band	Miss Annie McQuaid	Stewart Sta.	"	7			5								5			
Turtle Creek	Mrs. Eliza Shaw	Turtle Creek	"	30	16	10	10				5			1	26	1	5	
Union	Mrs. J. L. Thome	Sardis	"	31	10	20	15							1	86			
Unity	Mrs. Geo. Booth	Logans Ferry	"	*40														
Young Ladies	No report																	
West Newton	Mrs. Idolette Garvin	West Newton	Pa.	16	10	41								1	42	1	50	
Willing Workers		Parnassus	"	*17														
Saltsburg	No report																	
Turtle Creek M. B.	No report																	
Cheerful Workers	West Newton			*12														
WESTMORELAND PRESB.	Miss Lizzie M. Patterson	McKeesport	Pa.	720	217	523	252	39	105	12	49	54	65	18	1147	16	342	
Wheeling.																		
Bellaire	Mrs. John Dubois	Bellaire	Ohio.	25	10		15								15			
Brownsville	Miss Lizzie J. Dines	Trail Run, Monroe Co.	"	8	2	9	9	9	9						36			
Buchanan Hill	No report			*18														
Cadiz	Mrs. R. G. Ramsay	Cadiz	Ohio	30	7	25	15	5						4	49	1	15	
Harrisville	Miss Esther M. Patton	Harrisville	"	31	4	10	10	10							30			
High Ridge	Mrs. Nancy G. Johnson	Blaine	"	21	5	7	8				5		5	4	29	1	15	
Mission Band	Mrs. N. J. Johnson	Blaine	"	24			11								11			
Martin's Ferry	Miss Ellen Gray	Martins Ferry	"	13	7	5	16		5		5				31			
Little Workers	Miss Cora B. Sloan	Martins Ferry	"	30			6							2	8			
New Athens	Mrs. Robt. McFarland	New Athens	"	23	3	13	17	14						2	46	2	20	
Young Women's	Miss Ada M. Watson	New Athens	"	10	2	40	21	10							71			
Mission Band	Miss Ella Henderson	New Athens	"	25			31								31			
Roney's Point	Miss Mary Gibson	Valley Grove	W. Va.	26	12	8	7	7						1	23			
St. Clairsville	Mrs. Z. A. Balph	St. Clairsville	Ohio.	70	18	102	102						9	4	217			
Young People	Miss Carrie Clarke	St. Clairsville	"	35		24									24			
Uniontown	Mrs. Maggie Thompson	Bannock	"	16	12	14	15							5	34			
Pearl Gatherers	Miss Maggie Coup	Uniontown	"	8	4		16								16			
Warnock	Miss Arella M. Barrett	Glencoe	"	21	4	17	22					8		1	43	1	23	

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West Alexander	Mrs. Maria Tannehill	West Alexander, Pa.	43	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	2	20
Wheeling	Mrs. S. H. Kasely	Wheeling, W. Va.	30	36	85	80	10	20	10	5	.....	10	3	228	.....	.....
Young Ladies	Miss Amelia Veith	Wheeling, "	29	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	4	44	2	20
Mission Band	Miss Mary Hall	Jacob St., Wheeling, "	20	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Yonng Ladies, Martins Ferry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WHEELING PRESBY.	Mame L. Giffien, Sec	St. C airsville, Ohio.	553	120	399	401	69	34	50	15	3	24	30	1025	9	113
Wisconsin.																
Rock Prarie	Mrs. Margaret McLay	Emerald Grove, Rock Co., Wis.	29	14	26	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....
Wisconsin Home Missionary	Mrs. J. A. McKenzie	Vernon, "	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8
WISCONSIN PRESBY.	.....	.....	53	14	26	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	1	8
Xenia, Ohio.																
Columbus, W. M. S.	Mary Z. Pease	287 N. 21st St., Columbus, Ohio.	18	11	20	28	10	10	5	.....	.....	85	4	162	.....	.....
Sewing Circle	No report. Miss McKnight	.....	*10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Young Ladies	Disbanded during last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Helping Hands	Miss Mary Benbow	110 11th St., Columbus, Ohio.	7	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Clifton, W. M. S.	Miss Mary Turner	Clifton, Greene Co, "	*22	.....	26	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....	13	1	48	.....	.....
Young People	Miss Minnie Cowan	Clifton, Greene Co., "	20	.....	10	9	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....
Cedarville, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. C. Warnock	Cedarville, "	28	16	15	25	10	14	‡4	.....	10	5	1	84	1	11
Fall Creek, W. M. S.	Mrs. Sarah J. Patton	Samantha, "	11	6	.....	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1	5
Greenfield, W. M. S.	Mrs. H. P. Jackson	Greenfield, "	13	6	4	.....	.....	3	‡3	.....	.....	2	2	14	2	10
Jamestown, W. M. S.	Mrs. C. P. Robb	Jamestown, Greene Co, "	25	17	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	3	66	1	8
Willing Workers	Miss Mattie Williams	Jamestown, Greene Co, "	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1	18	.....	.....
Reynoldsburgh, W. M. S.	Mrs. Sarah Boyd	Reynoldsburg, "	14	12	3	3	.....	.....	‡3	3	2	.....	6	20	1	15
Willing Workers	No report. Miss B. Henderson	.....	*12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Creek, W. M. S.	Mrs. W. S. McClure	Dean, Mont. Co., Ohio.	27	17	17	23	.....	.....	10	22	2	.....	1	75	1	37
Young Ladies	Mrs. W. T. Bigger	Dean, "	12	6	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....
Springfield, W. M. S.	Miss Sarah Anderson	Springfield, Clark Co., "	44	15	.....	50	25	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	10	90	1	25
Our Young People	Miss Jennie Hamilton	252 S. Limestone St., Springfield. "	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission Band	No report	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Xenia, W. M. S.	Miss J. B. Carruthers	Xenia, Ohio.	47	25	55	45	30	15	10	.....	.....	.....	3	158	.....	.....
Alledena Society	Miss Minnie Jackson	Xenia, "	35	.....	13	17	17	13	.....	§10	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....
Young Christian Workers	Miss Mary S. McCampbell	Xenia, "	15	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Second Xenia, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. G. Carson	Xenia, "	33	35	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	†30	5	.....	38	123	1	35
Young People's	Miss Imogene McConnell	Xenia, "	18	.....	8	.....	18	.....	.....	§16	.....	.....	6	48	1	16
Third Xenia, W. M. S.	Mrs. Anna M. Hibben	Xenia, "	40	28	60	20	.....	.....	.....	§15	19	.....	10	124	1	20
Willing Workers	Miss Mary Moorehead	Xenia, "	46	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	§22	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....
XENIA PRESB.	Mrs. S. S. Wilson	Xenia, "	597	195	340	240	125	78	38	118	44	125	87	1195	11	182

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Albany	Congregational		33	2	42						8			50	1	40
Allegheny	Miss Jennie B. Wallace	Sewickley, Penna.	1869	358	1592	1107	495	201	93	128	361	594	213	4784	42	824
Argyle	Mrs M. R. Copeland	North Argyle, Wash. Co., N. Y.	765	97	618	166	161	54		9	12	13	21	1054	11	170
Arkansas Valley	Miss Ella Johnston	207 Ohio St., Wichita, Kansas	277	50	106	812	30	37	29	19	32	217	36	608		
Beaver Valley	Mrs. R. J. Bleims	New Castle, Pa.	665	137	476	230	103	47	12	9	18	69	112	1076	23	280
Big Spring	Miss M. S. Taggart	Webster Mills, Pa.	204	53	134	55	21	31		11		40	2	294	3	94
Boston	Congregational		82	2	16	32	16					5		69		
Brookville	Miss Mary E. Work	Marion Center, Ind. Co.	216	32	144	28	31	9	3	3		2	16	236	1	10
Butler	Mrs. J. Hall Breaden	West Sunbury, Pa.	575	146	228	177	75	68	18	58	51	1782	28	2485	9	291
Caledonia	Miss Libbie Johnston	Franklinsville, Pa.	541	77	181	123	31	5	3	3	1	37	22	406	6	185
Cedar Rapids	Margaret Sidney Cooper	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	214	72	131	119	140	73	33	8	11	179	91	785	5	55
Chartiers	Miss Jennie Fife.	Thomas, Penna.	904	236	1008	492	201	70	15	50	115	259	123	2333	36	336
Chicago	Mrs. James A. Pallen	306 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.	214	90	111	71	60	105	5	16	18	38	25	449	5	40
Chillicothe	Congregational		95	15	11	67	9	5	4	3		31	10	167	1	52
Cleveland	Mrs. Maria J. Ritckie	Darronsville, Ohio	*129													
College Springs	Mrs. Joseph McNab	Fiogley, Ringold Co., Iowa	464	105	442	143	104	76	11	2	10	45	57	890	7	28
Colorado	Mrs. Katherine M. Brown	Gecely, Colorado	275	73	84	81	12	41		9		614	65	906		
Concordia	Congregational		76	6	11	26	5							42	1	3
Conemaugh	Miss M. Lide Orr	Blairsville, Pa.	300	80	418	41	34	16	6	16	3	11	44	589	8	189
Delaware	Mary A. McKee		197	28	72	85	25	51		36		42	8	319	8	205
Des Moines	Mrs. Allie Cassil	1030 17th St., Des Moines, Iowa	394	124	343	95	48	50	3	27	10	19	81	676	12	269
Detroit	Congregational		64	23	44	65	10	1		20			2	151	1	50
Egypt	Mrs. J. R. Alexander	Assioot, Egypt	271	20	209									299		
Frankfort	Mrs. D. F. McKenzie	Harshaville, Pa.	210	22	65	84	54	28		6	46		16	299	1	2
Garnett	Mrs. J. T. Adams		503	52	203	106	65	46	10	2	3	103	54	692	5	79
Illinois Central	Ida E. McKibben	Hoopestown, Illinois	126	27	106	100	63	98		13		18	23	421	1	15
Illinois Southern	Mrs. J. W. Ashwood	3632 Forest Park Boulevard, St. Louis	531	76	550	196	36	16	6	69	17	127	535	1552	3	29
Indiana	Mrs. Laten Knapp	Indiana	188	68	199	88	43	67	5	3	3	12	21	446	4	61
Indiana Northern	Congregational		64	8	7	6	1	29	1				1	45		
Iowa North Western	Mrs. C. L. McCracken	Rock Valley, Iowa	65	23	10	18	25							53	1	20
Kansas City	Miss Cora Douglass	Birmingham, Jackson Co.	193	43	217	32	20	134	1	2		51	232	689	2	73
Keokuk	Miss J. A. Freer	Columbus City, Iowa	492	72	254	83	80				10	30	10	467	11	223
Lake	Miss A. A. Barrackman	Linesville, Crawford Co., Penna.	407	128	144	120	73	37	17	5	39	53	70	558	20	368
Le Claire	Jennie Kennedy	Grand Mound, Iowa	215	47	72	81	46	8	5	62	17		43	337	3	73
Los Angelos	Miss A. J. Boone	339½ E 2d St., Los Angelos, Cal.	101	23	35	87	30	10	3	66	2	23		256	2	15
Mansfield	Miss Maggie L. Still	Wooster, Ohio	304	52	243	91	55	52		8	6	47	17	479	9	163
Mercier	L. Mary Elliott		262	69	426	274	102	216	30	137	30		19	1234	9	293
Monmouth	Mrs. Henry Cowden	Biggsville, Illinois	616	104	677	216	114	6	2	378	27	142	54	1597	10	195
Monongehela	Miss E. D. Brown	Craft Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.	1962	656	1358	748	685	291	159	636	207	671	205	5655	38	657

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Muskingum	Mary C. Lytle	Sago, Ohio	451	77	226	75	63	26	4	15	44	28	20	561	13	261
New York	Mrs. A. E. Thompson	3 Perry St., New York City	195	37	90	55	3	.....	.....	68	38	162	91	414	1	.....
Ohio, 1st	Miss Clara I. Brown	Morning Sun, Ohio	439	88	187	191	91	46	19	9	17	19	27	806	8	138
Omaha	Lizzie W. Westbrook	Dunbar, Nebraska	396	91	86	86	74	70	10	5	11	240	100	682	3	22
Oregon	Mrs. Henrietta Brown	Albany, Oregon	120	39	62	52	3	28	2	.....	.....	19	115	281	3	16
Pawnee	Mrs. Lenas McCoy	Burchara, Neb	227	76	168	55	70	54	7	189	.....	26	153	721	3	41
Philadelphia	Mrs. W. S. Stewart	1801 Arch St., Phila., Pa	471	139	248	103	25	7	.....	52	27	384	352	1198	10	296
Princeton	Mrs. M. A. Ingles	Scotland, Green Co, Ind	212	67	151	76	58	46	2	5	.....	13	197	543	1	15
Rock Island	Miss Martha W. Davidson	423 2d St., Rock Island, Ill	172	77	108	108	77	41	9	21	.....	69	28	461	4	37
San Francisco	Margaret Campbell	12 Liberty St., San Francisco, Cal	157	32	37	25	18	23	10	10	.....	183	25	331	.....	.....
Sialkot	Miss Mary Campbell	Zafarwal, Sialkot Dist., India	120	17	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....
Sidney	Miss Mynta Kerr	600 College St., Pequa, Ohio	373	102	201	117	65	60	18	100	.....	30	421	1018	8	55
Stamford	Congregational	Mrs. Rev. A. G. King, Galt, Ont., Can	115	19	50	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	92	.....	.....
Stubenville	Mrs. A. K. Knox	.....	370	85	593	181	127	143	.....	30	8	34	145	1261	4	37
Tennessee	Miss Genella Strang	Lincoln, Tennessee	*5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	Mrs. Lydia R. Harris	Ryegate, Vermont	15	3	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Westmoreland	Miss Lizzie M. Patterson	McKeesport, Pa	720	217	523	282	89	105	1	49	54	6	18	1147	16	34
Wheeling	Miss Mame L. Giffen	St. Clairesville, Ohio	551	120	399	401	69	34	50	15	3	24	30	1525	9	113
Wisconsin	Miss Jessie Z. Hamilton	Rock Prairie, Rock Co., Wis	53	15	26	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	1	8
Xenia	Mrs. I. S. Wilson	Xenia, Ohio	597	195	340	260	125	78	88	118	44	125	87	1195	11	182
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